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BERLIN ON THE NEW PHASE

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper, "Dagbladet," well-informed Berlin circles declare that the new phase which is now opening on the Eastern Front will be decisive for while pressure on the Ukraine is constantly increasing there is no relaxation in the Central and Leningrad sectors.

Moscow and Leningrad are now seriously threatened, according to the Germans.

Berlin believes that the Russians have abandoned the idea of defending points between the Dniester and Dnieper and are now seeking to concentrate troops on the defence line on the east bank of the Dnieper.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Demokraten" says that a war correspondent with the panzer divisions gave a vivid account of the Russians' heroism and disregard of death — especially the Siberians.

The "Demokraten" correspondent added that apparently the Russians still have considerable air forces despite the losses which the Germans claimed they have inflicted. — Reuter.

POLISH MISSION TO RUSSIA

AS A PRELIMINARY TO THE FORMATION IN RUSSIA OF A POLISH ARMY EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST AMERICAN MATERIAL, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED A MILITARY MISSION, HEADED BY GENERAL SZYBKO-SOHBZ, WHO IS EMPOWERED TO CONCLUDE A POLISH-SOVIET MILITARY AGREEMENT.

General Sikorski, Polish Premier, disclosed this at a Polish military rally in Scotland yesterday when he declared that the "Polish-Soviet agreement" has brushed aside all sentimental considerations.

The Polish nation took a decidedly anti-German stand in September 1939 in a life and death fight, and it will follow this road to the end.

"This attitude is dictated not only by our own interests, but also by the united British camp of liberty and freedom." — Reuter.

Factor Of Human Endurance

IMPORTANT MOVES IN TOKYO EXPECTED

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, called at the Foreign Office in Tokyo yesterday afternoon.

With both Sir Robert Craigie and the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, in Tokyo, important developments are expected very shortly. — Reuter.

BROKERS BUY A BATTLESHIP

Eight million pounds have been raised to provide a British battleship by the Stock Exchange Savings Group in London.

An announcement to this effect was made yesterday and added that the whole sum was raised since July 1 this year.

Now the Group aims to raise by the end of September, sufficient money to pay for an aircraft carrier, a cruiser, a large destroyer, a submarine, a Corvette, a motor-torpedo boat, an anti-submarine boat, a bomber and a medium tank. — Reuter.

'AMBASSADOR' TO SAIGON

JAPAN IS TO SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY WITH THE FULL RANK OF AN AMBASSADOR TO INDO-CHINA "IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." IT WAS LEARNED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The Vichy Government has accepted this Japanese proposal which in the words of a Hanoi official statement "is in keeping with the spirit of the joint defence of Indo-China as concluded between Japan and France." — Reuter.

THE LATEST RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE STILL PRESSING VERY STRONG ALL ALONG THE RUSSIAN FRONT, ESPECIALLY AT SOLTSI, SOUTH-WEST OF LENINGRAD, AND IN SOUTH UKRAINE, SAYS "ANNALIST," IN A COMMENT ON THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

German troops, which have encountered almost inflexible resistance at Korosten and Byelaya-Tsherkov, are spreading further south in the hope of finding a weak spot and with a view to threatening Odessa.

They do not seem to be getting too much support from the Rumanians who are on their extreme right wing and much closer to Odessa.

The dents in the Russian line may be part of Marshal Budenny's elastic defence. But the Germans have avoided making any specific claim of territorial conquest and confine themselves to the usual indefinite claim that "pursuit of the retreating foe is making rapid progress everywhere."

Hitler's Strategy

"Hitler has never concealed the fact that the secret of his strategy is attack and again attack, never leaving the enemy any respite or time to recover their second wind, but pressing over onward regardless of loss until success is achieved.

This policy has been pursued without variation in Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece and Crete. It is a variation of Napoleon's famous "de l'audace et toujours de l'audace."

It failed, however, in the Battle of Britain which began just one year ago and continued without let or pause for six weeks when at last the Luftwaffe gave up the struggle after trying its utmost to break down British resistance. In Russia, it is coming up against the same indomitable spirit.

How Long ?

After seven weeks of fighting, continuous, relentless German pressure has forced back the Russian defence line along the whole of the 2,000 mile front, but nowhere can the Germans claim a major victory and nowhere has Russian resistance wavered or shown signs of weakening.

The question which naturally arises is how long will Hitler's hard-pressed troops be able to continue the pressure without showing signs of failure?

THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE POWERS OF HUMAN ENDURANCE AND BOTH SIDES MUST BE NEAR THAT LIMIT.

Bid To Stabilise Dollar

Mr. Wang Shih-chieh, Publicity Minister in Chungking, in a press conference yesterday, stated that the Government was determined to stabilise the Chinese dollar in the Shanghai market.

He expressed the opinion that to stabilise Chinese currency, the Stabilisation Board will be able to carry out the Government's decisions, and added that the necessary funds for that purpose had already been handed over to the Board.

Referring to the freezing by Britain and the United States, Mr. Wang revealed that four of the Chinese Government banks had received licences from Britain and the United States to supply foreign exchange in Chinese form to merchants handling legitimate trade. — Reuter.

NO RAIDS ON BRITAIN

"Nothing to report," was the terse communique issued last evening in London by the Ministry of Home Security. — Reuter.

A.R.P. IN SAIGON

The Municipal Authorities in Saigon are taking steps to repair and extend the present air raid shelter facilities. — Reuter.

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HIGH TENSION IN FRANCE

All-Day Conferences Of Leaders



A team of Auxiliary Territorial Service riders competed in an inter-services motor cycle team trial in the North of England. The trial was organized by the Home Guard and riders from the Army, Home Guard, and A.R.P. also took part. Private Hampson of the A.T.S. was experiencing her first trial ride. Here she is taking water splash.

PREVARICATION AND DISTORTION BY VICHY

THE THREAT TO DAKAR occupied a prominent place in London press comment yesterday.

"The Times," in a leader, said "there seems no limits to the prevarication and distortion of facts to which Vichy is willing to descend in pursuit of a policy of collaboration with Hitlerite Germany."

"A thick veil is held over what is going on in French North and Northwest Africa, but Great Britain and the United States must be prepared at any time to find themselves confronted with German infiltration on the Syrian model, involving the use of Dakar and other bases against British and American shipping in the South Atlantic."

"The hasty exit of the Germans and Italians as soon as the Allied forces crossed the Syrian border was made the basis for disingenuous protests by Vichy who, calmly ignoring all that had happened previously, argued that since the Germans and Italians had already gone, there was no longer any reason for the British to do anything about it."

"The same disingenuous attitude stamps their reply to the American demand for clarification of their attitude for the defence of their Empire."

Vichy Reply

Mr. Sumner Welles expressed doubts of their determination to defend points which possession of or use by the Axis powers would threaten American interests, and

pointed out that not only had Vichy consented to the Japanese seizure of bases in French Indo-China, but also offered no resistance when the German and Italian forces used the facilities in Syria to operate against the British.

"Vichy, replying, said there was nothing of complacency with which they tolerated Axis encroachment, but plumed themselves with the determination with which they resisted the British invasion. This they describe as aggression, glossing over the Japanese action in Indo-China as in no way detracting from French rights."

Words Without Meaning

"To a people capable of arguing in this way, words cease to

German Demands For Military Bases In Africa

THE POLITICAL TENSION IN VICHY REMAINS HIGH, SAYS THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH," WHICH REPORTS THAT DAY-LONG AND CONSTANT CONFERENCES ARE GOING ON BETWEEN MARSHAL PETAIN, ADMIRAL DARLAN, GENERALS WEYGAND AND HUNTZIGER.

It is generally thought that yesterday's meeting would be forced to decide, one way or the other, on the German "suggestions."

E. B. Wareing, writing in the "Daily Telegraph," says that what is actually on the Cabinet's agenda is the demand for "facilities" at Dakar, Algiers, Casablanca and Bizerta.

The references to "shortening the German lines of communication," says Wareing, must be read in connection with the fact that Bizerta is only about 130 miles from the Italian port of Trapani, whereas the route now used for reinforcing the German and Italian armies in Libya — from Catania to Tripoli — is more than twice that distance.

The top of Bizerta is also less accessible to British bombers than Tripoli.

To cede rights of any kind in Bizerta, says Wareing, would mean opening Tunisia to the Germans, and in effect extending the field of action of Rommel's troops from Libya into French North Africa.

"The moment has now almost arrived when Vichy has to decide once and for all between friendship with the United States and that of Germany," adds Wareing.

Bizerta Issue

Arguing that Bizerta is the most likely point on which Vichy would yield, because of the more direct American interest in the preservation of French sovereignty over the Atlantic ports, Wareing asserts that from quarters close to President Roosevelt a hint had already been given that the United States might find it essential to prevent Germany from using Dakar.

The cession of Casablanca would also imply a degree of Franco-German collaboration which might cause the United States to withdraw recognition of Vichy, and confer it on the Free French administration.

Dentz Incident

Vichy announced the dispatch of a protest to Great Britain against the internment of General Dentz and other officers, but no such Note had been received in London up to Saturday.

The Dentz incident is only a minor aspect of the renewed crisis which descended on Vichy and made it necessary to recall General Weygand from North Africa, and Germany was determined to force Weygand to show

have any meaning. Whether they are really deceiving themselves does not matter very greatly. What is important is that Great Britain and the United States should not allow themselves to be deceived or confused.

"Vichy is not France, and does not represent the French nation, but so long as it controls a great part of the French Empire and the French fleet, we must be prepared for any betrayal."

The "Daily Express," in a leading article, asks what will the United States do over the threat to Dakar, adding that "President Roosevelt may decide to wait for the point to develop. If he does he will bear in mind the lesson that Britain learned from Norway 18 months ago. According to tradition we waited for Germany to strike first, but Germany invaded in such wholesale fashion that she could not be dislodged or even seriously attacked."—Reuter.

his hand and offer "collaboration" in Africa.

The Vichy Cabinet will on Monday, concludes Wareing, really be once again discussing who will win the war. Admiral Darlan is convinced the Germans are bound to do so, but Huntziger is believed to hold the opposite opinion. Marshal Petain is undecided and General Weygand's views are probably much the same as Huntziger's.

"Complete Calm"

Discussions between the Vichy Ministers which have followed closely upon each other since Saturday were continued yesterday morning, stated the Vichy News Agency last night.

They included an interview yesterday between General Huntziger, Minister for War, and General Weygand, Marshal Petain's Delegate-General in North Africa.

Other ministerial talks were going on at the same time.

The Vichy News Agency stated: "These discussions have given the impression of a wide-scale consultation, of which the Cabinet Council meeting expected this afternoon would appear to be the crowning point. They have been conducted in an atmosphere of complete calm presaging no crisis. No sign of nervousness has been perceptible."

In support of this, the Agency mentions the attendance of Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan and other Ministers at theatrical and operatic performances.

No Statements

Well-informed circles were reported yesterday as stating the view that any announcement of an important decision concerning foreign policy in the immediate future is out of the question.

The Agency also stated: "Contrary to certain allusions in the Paris Press, there would appear to have been no personal questions involved, the talks being directed to effective understanding between all members of the Government who gave their views on the many problems approached."—Reuter.

SINKIANG SITUATION EASIER

According to a message from Peshawar, there has been a considerable improvement in the attitude of the Sinkiang Government towards British subjects following the Russo-German war, states reports received in Peshawar from Kashgar. British and Afghan subjects who were arranging to leave the country have, therefore, it is stated, decided to remain.—Reuter.

THAILAND DELEGATION IN SAIGON

The Thailand delegation to the Boundary Commission arrived yesterday in Saigon from Bangkok.

It is understood that meetings will begin very soon and "are likely to include economic discussions." — Reuter.

SENT OUT S.O.S. AS SHIP SANK

Sending SOS messages to the last, two wireless operators perished when their ship was sunk by an enemy submarine. Their names, Max Reginald Gerald, radio officer, and Edward Russell Campbell, assistant radio officer, appear in a list of 23 awards of Lloyd's War Medal for Bravery at Sea. Seven of the awards were made to men who lost their lives.

Gerard and Campbell were in an unarmed ship, which was attacked by shell fire from the submarine, and the crew were told to take to the boats. Although ordered by the master, and the first mate to leave the ship, the radio officers refused to do so, and continued to send out the S.O.S.

The boats were just clear when the submarine fired a torpedo which sank the ship, and the two radio officers "went down doing their duty." The other members of the crew were saved.

Seized A Bomb

During an enemy air attack a bomb fell on a ship's gun platform. Second Engineer Owen Frederick Herbert Gilbert ran forward to throw the bomb overboard, but it exploded and killed him. He saved the life of the gunner and prevented grave damage to the ship.

The gunner of another ship, Able Seaman P. K. Hope, showed astonishing courage when mortally wounded. His legs were broken and his body was riddled with shrapnel, but when the master went to help him into a boat he said that all he needed was a rope and he could climb down himself. It was later found that he had been blinded in addition to his other injuries. He had manned his gun with great coolness and skill.

CONGRESS WARNED

Importance Of Army Extension

DANGER TO FOREIGN POLICY

IF CONGRESS failed to extend the service of the army rank and file it would have an "exceedingly bad" psychological effect on the international situation, declared the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Hull authorised the direct quotation of the words "exceedingly bad" in order to emphasise them. He declined to discuss specific details of the Army Extension Legislation, but said he was considering the general effect of failure to pass some extension would have on American foreign relations.

Replying to a question whether the present dangers to the United States warranted some extension, Mr. Cordell Hull said that reading the newspaper headlines should emphasise that the dangers do exist.

When told that some members of Congress appeared fully unaware of these dangers, Mr. Hull replied that that seemed to be the matter. He recalled that he had made numerous statements over a period of years warning the people regarding the objectives of certain nations in the direction of unlimited conquest by force.

No Offer To Japan

Mr. Hull declared as baseless the report that the United States had offered a plan of settlement, involving certain concessions to Japan, if the Japanese would withdraw from the Axis.

Mr. Hull said the settlement of American-Japanese differences must include all fundamental questions involved in the present conflict of policies, and added that if the United States took up anything with Japan regarding a general settlement, it would be based on all fundamental principles which the United States had enunciated during the past few years.—Reuter.

LONDON HATS FOR NEW YORK

London is sending 100 model hats to New York in a few days. When they are sold in America they will cost about 14 guineas each.

Four designers have produced the hats and formed themselves into the Associated London Hat Designers. They have not let themselves be limited by the shortage of normal materials.

They have used goat skin, iridescent paint, ping-pong balls, varnished oil, cloth and wrought iron, to back up British velveteens and Nottingham lace.

One hat has a tiny copy of the wrought iron altar gates of a wrecked city church.

The hat that secured most applause at the London showing was called "After the ball is over—1941." It is made of white felt and has six bus-tickets tucked in the brim.

Other favourites were an Air Force blue tricorn, silver trimmed, and with silver wings; "La reine," based on the Queen's halo hats in her own blue and trimmed with ostrich feathers; and the "Winston Churchill" made of old-fashioned plush with a grey moire ribbon.

GERMAN INVASION OF U.S.A.

The former United States Ambassador to Belgium, Mr. John Cudahy, who is now in Europe, has interviewed Hitler on the statement that "convoys means war."

"Hitler insisted that the Anglo-Saxon Powers had long set a precedent that the escorting of munitions to the enemy with armed naval forces was a warlike act," says Mr. Cudahy, in a copyright despatch to the North American Newspaper Alliance.

"He laughed at the idea that Germany planned the conquest of the Western Hemisphere. He said that this was about as fantastic as an invasion of the moon."

"He believed that the idea had been furthered by warmongers who wanted war because they believed it would be profitable for business."

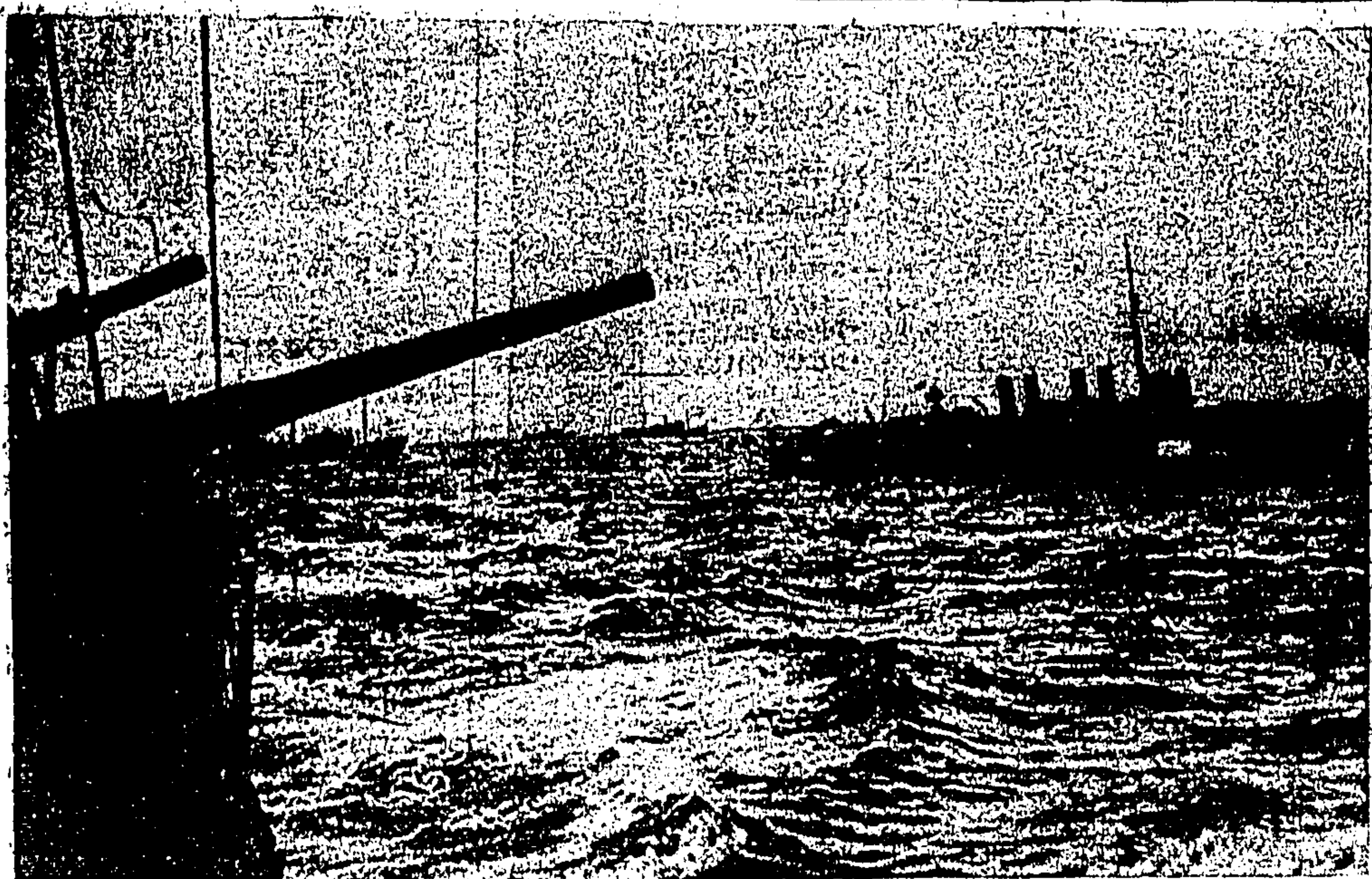
"Hitler said he was confident that the Army and Navy chiefs in the United States, like those in Germany, considered an invasion of the Americas to be wildly imaginary, as the combined shipping of the United States, Britain, and Germany would be insufficient to transport the army of millions of men required for such an invasion."

"He said he had never heard anybody in Germany say that the Mississippi River was the German frontier, in the same spirit as the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, had referred to the Rhine as being the frontier of Australia, and that, since the Rhine was Australia's frontier, he had decided to send some Australian prisoners there so that they might acquaint themselves with the frontier atmosphere."

SLOVENE PARTY'S STATEMENT

A declaration has been issued somewhere in the Middle East by Dr. Krek, Yugoslav Minister of Public Works; M. Snoj, a former Slovene Minister; Grabovsek, Franc, director of the Slovene Co-operative Society; and Kuhar Stojiz, editor of the Slovene.

They appeal to nationals of occupied Yugoslavia, as well as other countries, to impose on themselves the strictest discipline.



A convoy, including tankers laden with oil, cargo ships laden with planes and food vessels, etc., has just reached Britain after having been escorted by destroyers across the North Atlantic. Among the escort vessels were two ex-American destroyers and a Free French light cruiser. The safe arrival of the convoy represents another quiet, unspectacular victory, typical of those being won every day in the Battle of the Atlantic. Photo shows — Ex-American destroyers with the convoy. The 4.7 gun of one of them, and another destroyer on the right of the picture, watches over the convoy. (Copyright, Fox).

FLEET AIR ARM RAID IN SYRACUSE HARBOUR

AN ATTACK BY THE Fleet Air Arm against a large merchant-ship at Syracuse in Sicily and activity by the Royal Air Force in North Africa are reported in a R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday. It states:—

"Cyrenaica: On Saturday night Blenheims of the R.A.F. attacked gun repair shops at Bardia, starting a number of large bright fires. Enemy landing grounds at Gazala were also bombed and machine-gunned. Yesterday, Maryland bombers of the South African Air Force carried out attacks on enemy positions, motor-vehicles and personnel in the neighbourhood of Bardia."

"Tripolitania: On Saturday R.A.F. bombers demolished barracks and a block-house south of Misurata and also attacked enemy motor transport vehicles and petrol-trailers in the same neighbourhood."

"All trailers were holed by machine-gun bullets and several lorries were overturned and destroyed. The formation then attacked two large ammunition and supply dumps at Buerat. The ammunition exploded and the personnel standing by were killed or wounded."

"Sicily: Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a torpedo attack on a large merchant vessel at Syracuse on Saturday. A quantity of bombs were also dropped at Augusta, one making a direct hit on a gasometer. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely."—Reuter.

and spirit of sacrifice as the only way to secure justice for their cause."

The declaration protest against the treacherous assault made on their country by Italy and Germany, and points out that the Slovene soldiers proved good fighters.

Confidence is expressed in final and national union, "which will unite within their new frontier all Slovenes hitherto living under Axis oppression."

FIGHTER PILOT'S RECORD

Two of the four aircraft shot down by R.A.F. fighters on the night were destroyed by the same squadron. One of the two pilots concerned brought his individual score to the highest figure of definitely destroyed aircraft attributed to any R.A.F. pilot since the war began.

A Polish sergeant pilot brought about the destruction of a third and an English sergeant the fourth.

An Air Ministry communique stated that enemy activity was very widespread, but though damage was caused at a number of points it was nowhere heavy, and the number of casualties was not large.

Two persons were killed and several injured when raiders flying in from the sea dropped bombs on three villages in South Wales. In a South Coast district a raider machine-gunned houses in a town.

Six were killed in a raid on an East Coast town one morning, in which extensive damages were done to small house property.

Middlesbrough and Pembroke were the only two places mentioned by the German News Agency as having been bombed. It claimed that the Luftwaffe caused a fire at an iron and steel works at Middlesbrough and successfully attacked numerous aerodromes in the South of England and the Midlands.

FOOD FOR FIRE WATCHERS

Fire watchers, fire fighters and roof spotters who cannot get meals at existing canteens or other catering establishments are to be provided with food under an arrangement announced by the Ministry of Food.

Consideration will be given to the formation of new canteens or clubs comprised of them.

The arrangement applies only to persons doing duty at business premises, and not to those fire watching at their own homes or at other private houses.

The system of allocating meat to catering establishments of all kinds is to be tightened up. The meat allowance will be calculated on the basis of up-to-date statistics of the number of meals served, instead of on how much business the establishments did before the war. The allocation will be at the rate of a pennyworth of meat for each main meal served.

Wider Group Rationing

Major Lloyd George, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, told the Royal Empire Society in London that the Ministry was exploring every possible method of extending the system of group rationing which had been adopted in the case of preserves, or of finding other ways of distributing more evenly unrationed foods in short supply.

Complaints received by the Ministry were about these unrationed goods in short supply and not about rationed foods.

"They are in short supply because we have deliberately made them so to bring in adequate supplies of staple foods," he added.

61 CHURCHES WERE DESTROYED

DETAILS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES DAMAGED IN AIR RAIDS WERE GIVEN AS:—

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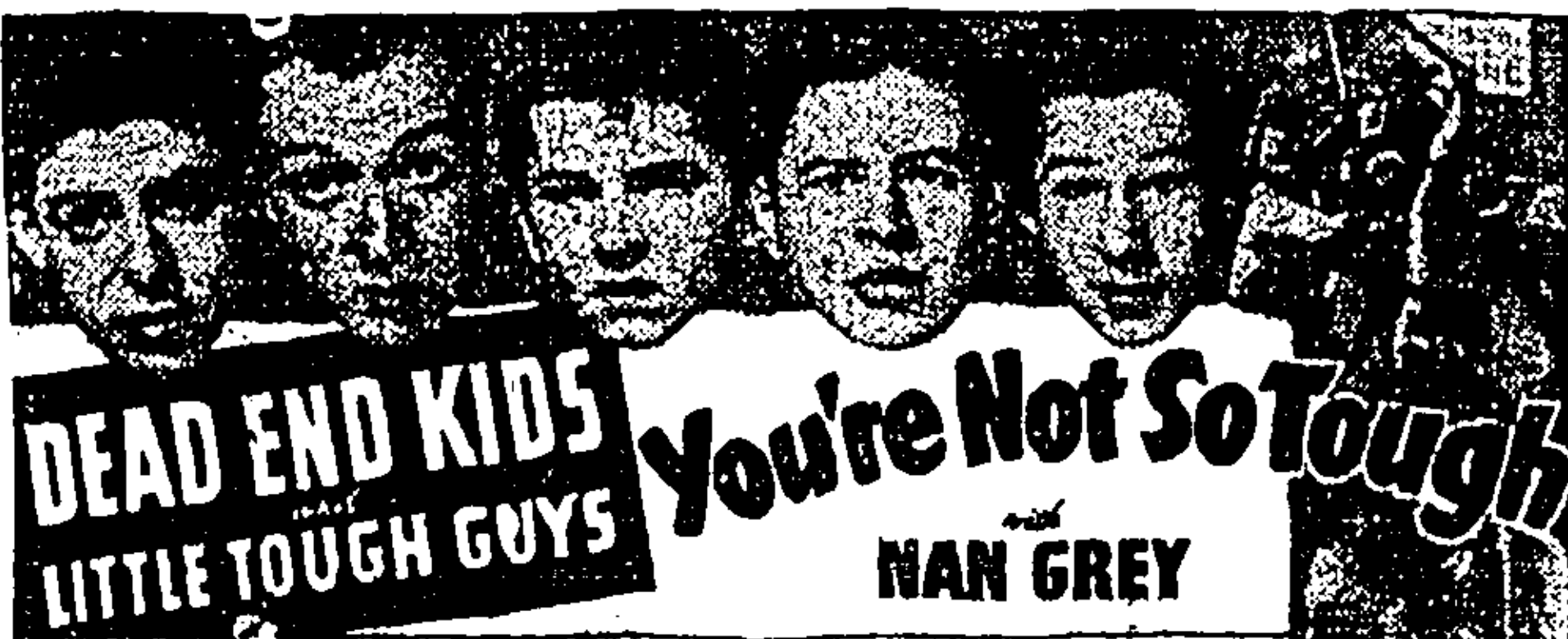
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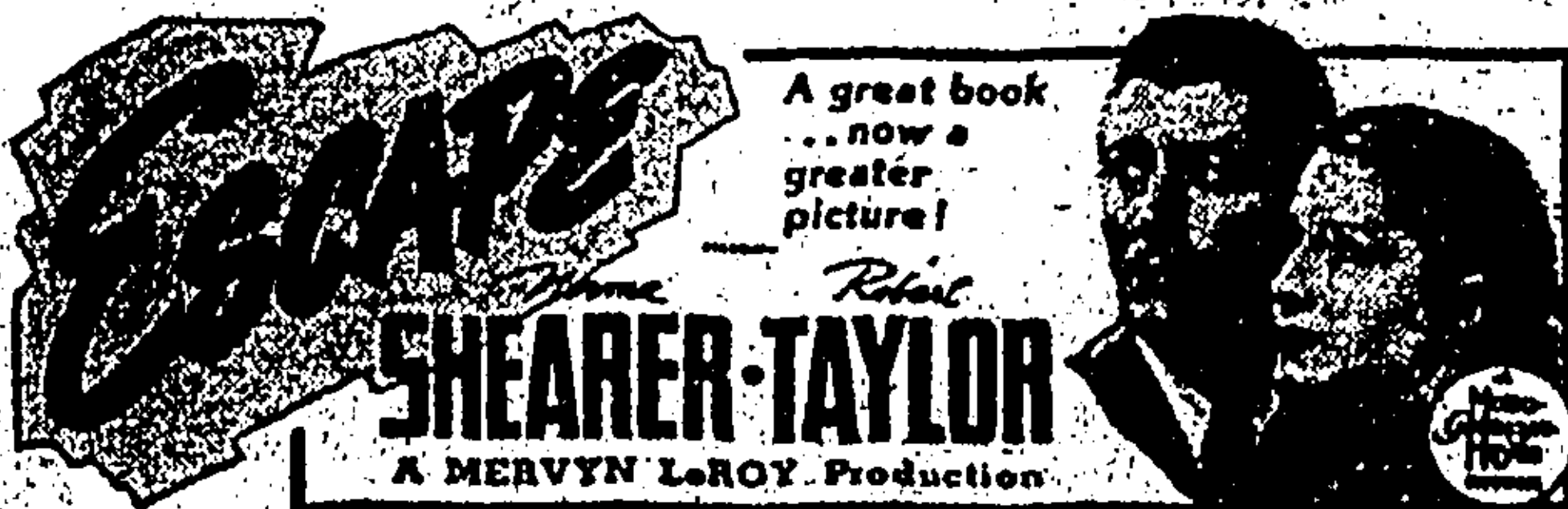
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IF SPARKS FLY, THE TINDERBOX IS LIKELY TO BE FOUND SOUTH

(By Reuter's Correspondent At Hsinking)

It cannot be said that there is any outstanding change in Russo-Japanese relations, as least as far as they can be seen from the confines of Manchuria.

In Hsinking, official utterances invariably re-echo Tokyo's sentiments, but the tension which followed Mr. Matsuoka's departure from the Cabinet a few weeks ago is now noticeably lessened.

Rumours emanating from Shanghai that new Russo-Japanese negotiations are taking place are emphatically denied by high Foreign Office officials interviewed here in Hsinking.

Other members of the Government, similarly interviewed, all emphasised that any precautionary activity which may be apparent in Manchuria was of a purely defensive nature.

The Russo-German fighting is arousing the greatest interest and each phase of the battle is closely followed in the Press which splashes on the front pages all available details.

Foreign Problems

The foreign communities, particularly the English and American, whose unenviable position cannot be denied are watching events closely. In these circles, however, it is felt in Hsinking that if sparks must fly, then it will be in the south rather than the north that the tinderbox will be found.

British in Manchuria, excluding the Kwantung Leased Territory, number 300, comprising 220 in the Mukden Consular district and 70 in the Harbin district. The majority of them are missionaries. There are about a quarter of this number of Americans.

For obvious reasons, Manchukuo's precautionary measures cannot be described, but it is permitted to state that they include travelling restrictions and also occasional air raid practices in various cities.

As regards the freezing of the assets of various countries, Manchukuo has followed Japan step by step. In this connection, the restrictions are said to have been eased recently and certain Manchukuo firms with part Anglo-American capital have been allowed to resume operations. — Reuter.

GERMAN AGENTS IN EIRE

According to the Dublin correspondent of the "Evening Standard," the Eire Government states that no complaints have been received from Britain about the activities of German agents in Eire.

It is stated that German officials are not able to communicate with Berlin by means of diplomatic bags; therefore messages are sent through the Irish cable station at Valentia to the United States to be relayed to Germany, he says.

The representatives in Eire of both the German and Italian Governments recently protested against their messages being relayed to Germany via England. It is believed that they have since been allowed to send messages to their Governments by radio through another channel.

The new method has not been disclosed, but it is stated that the Italians and Germans are not allowed to use radio transmission sets themselves, but must hand over their messages to the Eire authorities.

RAIDED ENEMY CONVOYS

Three airmen honoured for gallantry in attacks on convoys are Actg. Sqdn.-Ldr. Leslie V. E. Atkinson, who receives a bar to the D.F.C., and Sgts. E. A. R. Leavers and Ian Overheu, who are awarded the D.F.M. All three are members of No. 21 Squadron.

Actg. Sqdn.-Ldr. Atkinson led a formation in an attack on a large and strongly escorted enemy convoy last month. Despite intense A.A. fire he delivered his attack on the largest merchant vessel, scoring two direct hits on the stern. The formation, which had followed in to attack, completed a decisive action, in which three or four ships were set on fire and left sinking.

Sgts. Leavers and Overheu were the pilot and observer respectively in an aircraft which took part in an attack on an enemy convoy in April, when two direct hits were scored on a large ship, despite heavy A.A. fire.

A bar to the D.F.M. is awarded to a wireless operator, Sgt. C. F. Rawnsley, of the Auxiliary Air Force (No. 604 Squadron), who has assisted his pilot in the destruction of at least seven enemy aircraft.

A bar to his D.F.C. has been awarded to a Canadian, Actg. Sqdn.-Ldr. M. H. Brown, No. 1 Squadron, who has destroyed a further two enemy aircraft, bringing his total to at least 18. "His splendid leadership and dauntless spirit" are praised by the Air Ministry.

VITAL STORES DISPERSED

Government Departments need more than 14,000,000 square feet of additional storage space for munitions, equipment, food, raw materials and other essential goods.

To find it an Order has been made requiring information about all premises in Britain having a floor area of 3,000 square feet or more which have been used at any time in the last three years for storage.

An official stated that the object was to find accommodation not only for goods dispersed from vulnerable areas, but also for those now being produced in increasing volume at home, in the Empire, and in the United States.

SECOND EAGLE SQUADRON FORMED

The second all-American Eagle squadron has been formed in the Royal Air Force, states the Air Ministry News Service, and has already had its first encounter with the enemy. As a result of this the squadron claims one Junkers 88 as "probably destroyed." — Reuter.

SLOOP'S FEAT

An Australian-built sloop, H.M.A.S. Parramatta, shot down three Nazi dive-bombers when repelling an intensive air attack in the Middle East recently.

Announcing this the Australian Minister for the Navy, Mr. Hughes, said that while the Parramatta and other ships had been engaged on escort duty, they had been attacked by from 30 to 40 German Junkers aircraft.

"Despite repeated and determined onslaughts by the dive-bombers, H.M.A.S. Parramatta emerged undamaged, and her anti-aircraft guns shot down three of the attackers," Mr. Hughes said.

The episode, he added, was further indication of the magnificent work being done by units of the Royal Australian Navy in the Middle East.

The Parramatta, a modern sloop, was built at Cockatoo Island Dockyard.

EX-CROWN PRINCE AS "KAISER"

The former Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany has assumed the title of Kaiser.

The "Daily Sketch" says: "That he should have done so and more particularly the matter of course way in which he did it — during a funeral oration for his father — painfully surprised high Nazi circles, who thought they had 'Little Willy' well under their thumb."

A resuscitated Monarchist movement in the Army is the last thing Hitler wants at this critical moment in German-Soviet relations, when a new anti-Bolshevik drive might be more easily led by the Monarchists than by the Nazis.

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NEW BRITISH AIRSCREW

Bench and flight tests have been made of a new type of airscrew for improving the efficiency of British military aircraft and especially of Fleet Air Arm machines.

It is a "contraprop," or co-axial, oppositely rotating airscrew with controllable pitch blades. It may be visualised as two airscrews, arranged close together and mounted on two shafts, one running inside the other and turning in opposite directions.

The British engineers who have been responsible for this development, Capt A. G. Forsyth and Mr. G. J. Smith-Pert, claim that it is the first controllable contraprop in the world. Bench tests took place in 1939, the details being at that time kept secret, and flight tests have been in progress since February, 1940.

Some Advantages

Many advantages are secured by the use of a contraprop with the modern type of high-powered engine. The overall diameter of the airscrew is reduced so that undercarriage design problems are less troublesome, especially with tricycle undercarriages; the pull of the airscrew is true, so that the aircraft does not try to swing to right or left when tak-

ing off, and there is an improvement of the aircraft's powers of manoeuvre in the air.

The absence of swing in taking off is particularly important for high-powered Fleet Air Arm machines when they are working from the flight deck. The contraprop, it is claimed, can be produced at the same weight as a single airscrew absorbing the same power.

Reliability Secured

A special arrangement, details of which cannot yet be disclosed, enables one half of this contraprop to be kept working if the other is put out of action. In effect, therefore, twin-engine reliability is secured. Cannon can be arranged to fire through the centre of the contraprop.

In their speed record seaplane of 1934 the Italians used a contraprop; but it was a fixed pitch one and it was linked up with two entirely separate engines. The speed obtained was 440.67 miles an hour, and the success was attributed in part to the efficiency of the oppositely rotating airscrews.

The need for contrapropps increases with every increase in power. New engines now coming into service develop up to 2,000 horse-power.

Other contrapropps are known to be under development by airscrew companies in various parts of the world.

TAXI-MAN TO BE A VISCOUNT

A 67-year-old Brisbane taxi-driver, A. B. Davidson, has become the Viscount of Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, England. The title carries with it two estates and a baronial residence at 16 Great College Street, London.

Eighteen months ago Mr. Davidson was informed by a London firm of solicitors that he had inherited a "high title" because direct descendants had died out. Recently he received letters to the effect that he is now undisputed holder of the title and becomes the second Viscount of Little Gaddesden.

Mr. Davidson was trained in England as an engineer. He came to Queensland in 1894. He worked on locomotive construction for the Queensland Railways for about nine years, and later went to Townsville. For the past six or seven years he has driven a hire taxi.

The title which he inherits was only created in 1937. The previous holder was John Colin Campbell Davidson, who had a distinguished Parliamentary career and was private secretary to several British Ministers, including Mr. Bonar Law in 1915-16. He was a member of the House of Commons from 1920 to 1937, holding the positions of Parliamentary Secretary to the leader of the House, and was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

A. B. Davidson and the first Viscount were first cousins, their fathers being brothers. He is the only survivor of four sons in his family.

Mr. Davidson said that he drove a taxi to keep himself occupied. He was not really "hard up" because he was receiving an income from property in England. He has two grown-up sons, aged 35 and 33, who are working in the bush in Queensland. He has not decided whether to return to England, and probably will wait till the war ends.

CARGO HALVED BY THEFTS

Pilfering during the blackout loading in England, and pilfering in New Zealand and Sydney reduced a recent Melbourne-bound Cargo of 500 tons to less than half.

The chief officer of the ship which brought the cargo said: "When you think what we went through to get cargoes in and out of Britain it would make you cry."

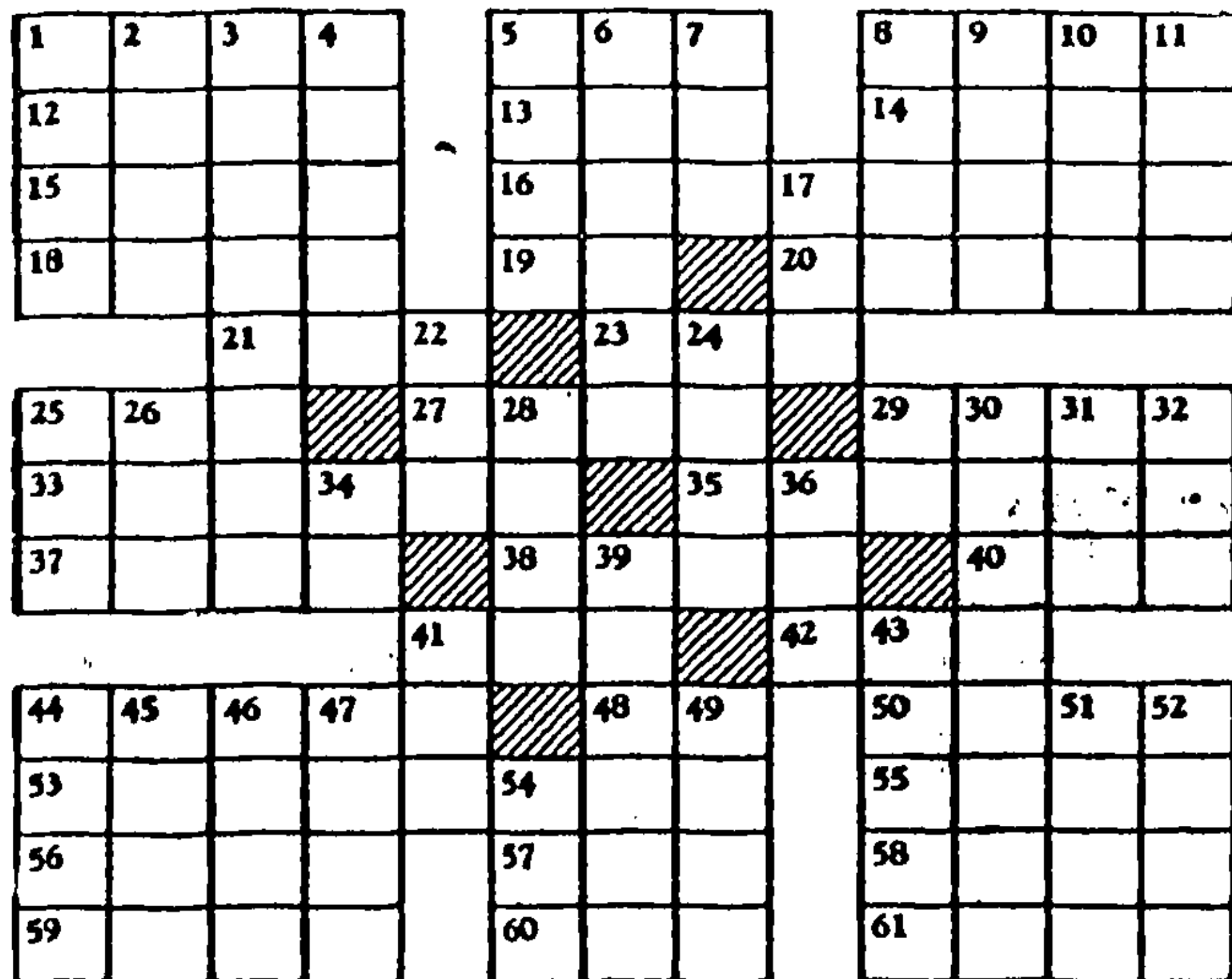
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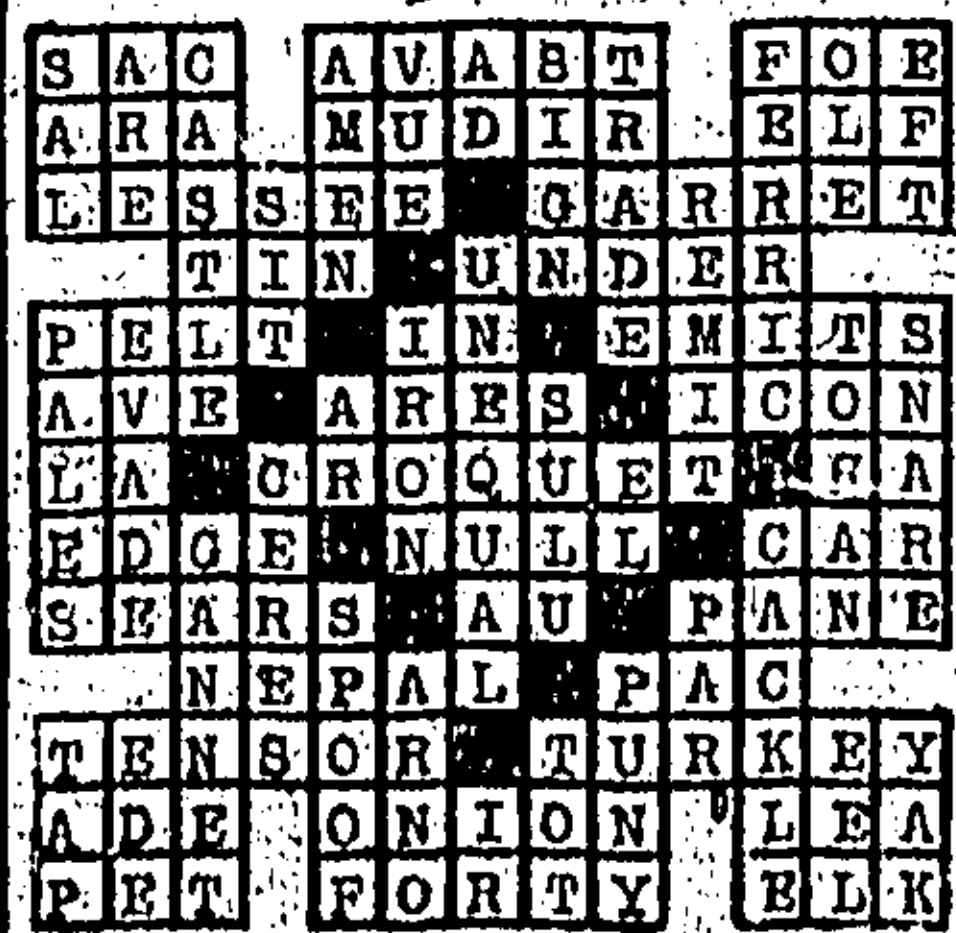
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 - 18 Back of the neck
 - 19 Symbol for silver
 - 20 To accumulate
 - 21 Music: as written
 - 23 Devil
 - 25 Indian mulberry
 - 27 Pathway
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 - 33 Lavender
 - 35 Chinese skin
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 - 40 Girl's name
 - 41 Final
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 - 44 Turkish coin
 - 45 Symbol for tantalum
 - 50 City in Nevada

- 53 Pertaining to the voice
- 55 A great distance
- 56 Sediment
- 57 Pronoun
- 58 To leave
- 59 Sword
- 60 Holland commune
- 61 Wrongs

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 - 2 Wagnerian goddess
 - 3 Disorderly
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- 28 On top of
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- 36 Ecclesiastical garment
- 38 Showed compassion for
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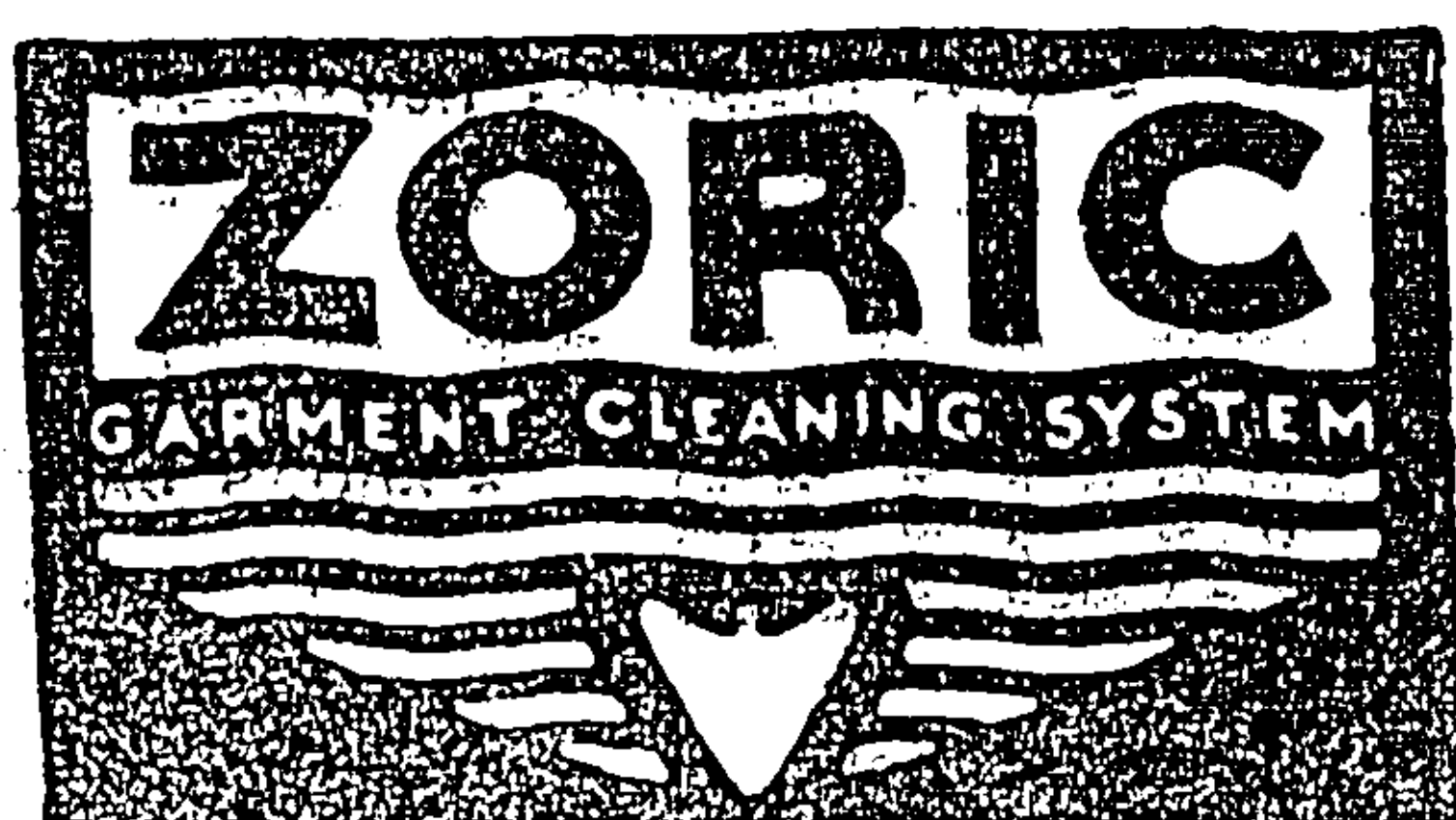


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RALLYING OF EUROPE UNDER THE "V"

(By Jame MacDonald)

BRITAIN'S NEWLY launched "V for Victory" war of nerves against Germany—formally declared at the zero hour of midnight,—proved a tremendous success on the German-occupied Continent in the first day of the propaganda offensive, according to London officials.

From all parts of the world reports streamed in to London telling of the appearance and sounding of the V everywhere.

In Britain and Continental Europe people were reported taking up the cry of V—for victory over Nazism—wherever word had been spread by radio and the word-of-mouth, underground communications in the Nazi-dominated countries.

Radio broadcasts from Britain were accompanied by drum rolls or muted instruments sounding the Morse code signal for V, three dots and one long sound. The opening notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, three short notes and a long one, were heard everywhere.

The letter V has become the totem for victory by Britain and her allies over Hitlerism.

Nazis Attempt Come-Back

In Berlin's attempted counter-offensive a German radio commentator was heard accusing Britain of stealing the V idea from the Nazis.

The stimulation to passive resistance or revolt by the peoples under the Nazi power was indicated, however, by a report reaching London that there had already been 6,200 "V prosecutions" in Paris.

Other reports said that in Paris posters appeared on which most words of the lettering began with a large V. They were ordered taken down.

An 8 P. M. curfew was imposed in the French town of Noirt because of a big tide of V's there.

The letter appeared in Bayonne, and V's were seen daubed in tar on the walls of the Hotel Imperator at Nimes. Other V's were reported to have appeared on the door of a Nazi headquarters near Rouen.

Another account received in London was that one French peasant chalked a V on his hand and, pressing against German soldiers as they passed in a throng, transferred it to their uniforms.

Victory Won

The unidentified British broadcaster who gives his name as "Colonel V. Britton," and who formally launched the campaign, made another broadcast.

"A victory has been won," he said. "Mobilization of the V army against Nazi Germany has been a complete success. Results have already surpassed all expectations, and the vast army now stretches from one end of Europe to the other."

He remarked that the German letter "V" stood for "Verboten"—forbidden—and "Verkehrt"—upside down—and "Verreche Hitler"—a dog's death to Hitler.

The V sign and sound, whether by printed or chalked letter, toot of railroad whistle by Morse code, by roll of drums or the first four notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, have already taken London and other parts of Britain by storm.

A "V for Victory" song was broadcast on the feature programme of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The V sign was seen almost everywhere in London. Most newspapers were printed with a veritable rash of V's.

New Greeting

One arranged its front-page headlines in V shape. Another displayed the letter in a box at the top of the right-hand side of its front page. Various news dispatches were splashed with V's.

At a big party at which stage stars gave an entertainment for newspaper men the backdrops were decorated with the letter V.

A popular cartoonist amused the audience by drawing caricatures based on the V.

A new fashion in greeting friends has begun. It is to hold up the second and third fingers of the right hand spread apart in the form of the V.

Reports received in London said victory and liberty with the slogan "Nedane Se"—"We will not give in"—were scrawled on walls and fences throughout Czechoslovakia, and that accompanying acts of sabotage were increasing daily in this first non-German land to be occupied.

It was reported that the Dutch and Belgians had been impelled to especially bold manifestations. The British believed Germany's effort to utilise the same symbol in a counter-offensive was admission of grave concern over the effects of the V drive.

Reich Heralds Own Campaign

Germany heralded her own "V for Viktoria" campaign the press depicting it as the symbol of a united Europe's support of the war against Russia.

The Voelkischer Beobachter, Nazi party organ, said in a front-page editorial that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, after learning of the appearance of the V throughout Europe, claimed that it represented the hope for a British victory.

"V symbol of German victory on all fronts," the Voelkischer Beobachter banner line said, with the subhead "Viktoria is the symbol of desire for a new European order."

The Montag said in a front-page editorial:

"Two weeks ago propaganda for the letter V began. To-day, with slight employment of propaganda, it already has become the symbol of unity to all Germans and all people standing for Germany in the European territories around our frontier."

It claimed that only a couple of days ago the British "cried out that Germany had stolen the symbol from them."

The newspapers, two out of three giving the V campaign front-page space said the symbol had appeared most prominently in such territories as Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Slovakia, France and the strip of Poland between the erstwhile German and Russian occupied zones.

Lord Haw Haw

Lord Haw Haw, the English-speaking German radio propagandist, observed in a broadcast that the letter V also stood for "Veni. Vidi, vici," the Caesarian "I came, I saw, I conquered."

The German-controlled Krakauer Zeitung of Cracow was quoted as reporting that the V had spread in Poland.

The newspaper said V's have been seen much in Poland recently, being marked on automobiles, mailboxes and buildings.

"V stands for Viktoria, that is to say, 'victory,' the newspaper said. "We are convinced that following the mass onslaught of the Germans in the East it will become much more popular than formerly and will appear everywhere where Germany's victory, on all fronts, will be spoken of."

The usual German word of "victory" is "Sieg."

SWEDISH PRESS "FREEDOM"

The Swedish Lower House has approved a Bill restricting the freedom of the Press, which, it is stated, "has become necessary owing to the international situation."

CHOLERA IN CRETE

Cairo reports state that a cholera epidemic has obliged the Germans to evacuate Crete almost entirely, also parts of Greece.

The death-roll is growing, and German hygiene experts are unable to combat the disease, which developed from polluted wells in the hills. Doctors are busily inoculating German and Italian soldiers.

HITLER PALE AND TIRED

In a message to the North American Newspaper Alliance, Mr. John Cudahy, former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, provides an interesting description of Hitler's appearance and manner gained when Mr. Cudahy was interviewing him.

It was the first interview given by Hitler to an American for twelve months.

"Above all, I was struck by the unhealthy pallor of his skin," Mr. Cudahy said. "He had the same look that prisoners have when the sun has been denied them over a long period of confinement."

"He looked dyspeptic and dog-tired, with swollen, puffed eyes, feeble and bright."

"Since the beginning of the war, the story goes, he has been getting less than four hours' rest nightly. He gave the impression that he was utterly fatigued, and that his nervous energy had been nearly spent from overstrain."

"His eyes were hard, unyielding, and fanatical. His facial lineaments were harsh, without one compromising note of sympathy or kindness."

"His voice was utterly lacking in any sympathetic timbre, and had the harsh frayed quality one associated with political orators at the close of a hard campaign."

"He laughed a harsh strident laugh, as disagreeable as rasping automobile gears. It was a humourless face, and a desperately hard one."

UNWANTED ELEPHANTS

A barn near Northampton houses two exiles from India threatened with death through no fault of their own.

They are elephants, whose owner, Ralph Marshall, joins the R.A.F. on June 25. He cannot sell them, and if he is unable to give them away they will be shot.

They are just ordinary elephants, with no special tricks to earn them music hall salaries. Marshall offered them to the Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. Bevin, for haulage, but the Labour Ministry is too busy with manpower to concern itself with elephant-power, and has not even replied to his letter.

Marshall suggested to the R.A.F. that the animals might accompany him as pets. He was told not to be impertinent, and was given a fortnight's grace in which to get rid of them. The elephants, Molly and Marnock, cost \$5 a week for their keep.

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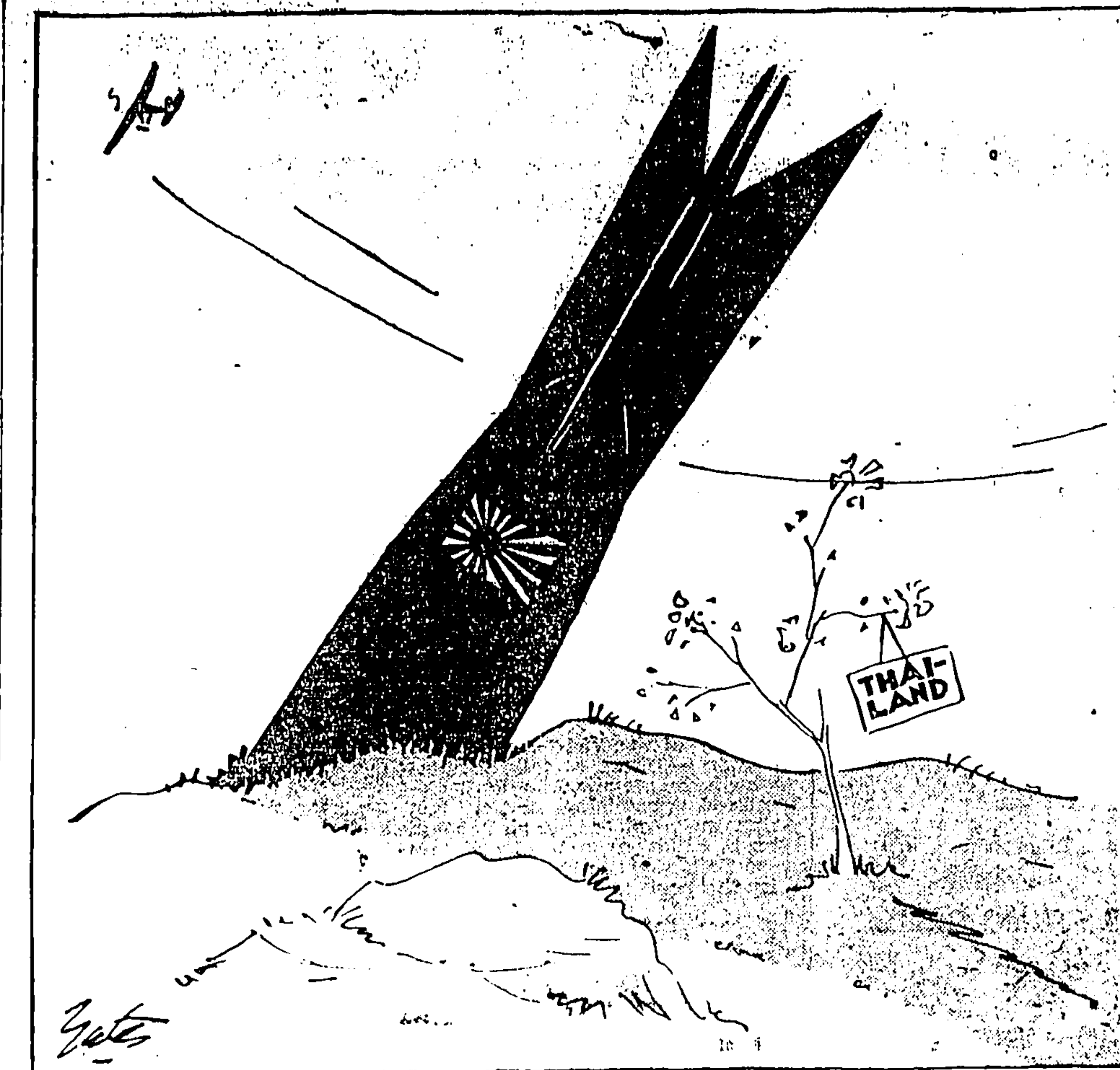
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TWO BRIEF YEARS

It is a fantastic experience to look back across two brief years to July 14, 1939, the 150th anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. Europe was officially at peace then; the outlines of the Continent had suffered little apparent change since Versailles, although Austria was gone, and Albania, and Czecho-Slovakia. Down the Champs-Elysees paraded the principal supporters of the European order, the French Army, unmatched in prestige in the world. In a position of honour in that traditional display were British guardsmen in red coats and bearskin, British sailors and marines — and the close-packed Parisian crowds shouted "Vive l'Angleterre!" President Lebrun, speaking at a demonstration of French unity, flung the challenge of the democratic way into the teeth of that black cloud of reaction mounting east of Rhine; "Immutably attached to these principles of 1789, France recognises for all men, without distinction of birth, colour or religion, the right of access to liberty and equality."

One year passed. Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium went, in flame and blood, the way of Czecho-Slovakia. The French Army was swept from the field, and the armistice at Compiègne and the tragic necessity of Mers-el-Kebir divided France from her formerly ally, Britain. There was a government at Vichy that claimed to speak for France, that cast scorn upon the principles of 1789 and entered upon the pathetic and inglorious programme of placating victorious Germany by imitating her vicious system.

Another year has seen the piecemeal destruction of Europe continued with the fall of Yugoslavia and Greece; it has seen the government of Marshal Petain go ever farther along the road he chose in his first days of power; has seen him give his blessing to Frenchmen who might be deluded enough to fight beside the Germans in the East, to the end that Hitler's fetters might be the more human race. Yet French-irrevocably fastened upon France; has seen the as well; the muzzled mil- culminating tragedy of lions of their nation have Frenchmen battling not succumbed to the alien poison; the and unhappy little war free spirits under Gen. that has just ended in de Gaulle have kept the Tricolour in the fight against Hitlerism, and of 1939 to to-day the re-



TIME BOMB

A London Cab

I have a comrade. His name is Joseph. And like Joseph of old, his coat is of many colours. The elbows are covered with brown leather patches, grease has stained and blackened the front and sides, while a tear on the shoulder is patched with scarlet tweed. Joseph gazes out on life with alert brown eyes through cheap steel-rimmed spectacles which have the appearance of the headlamps of an automobile.

Joseph is a London taxi driver. I met him one night when the German aeroplanes were dropping high over our city. Bombs were coming down and the barrage was going up. I hurried through the empty streets in my tin hat, for I had an urgent appointment in Chancery Lane.

Soon Joseph's taxi came flying along the road and stopped. "Where are you going, guv'nor?" shouted Joseph. After I had told him he said, "Op in, guv'nor."

Joseph drove me to Chancery Lane. When I pulled out my purse to pay, he absolutely refused to take one penny. "It's on my way 'ome," said Joseph, and added, "Anyway, we're all in this together, guv'nor." And Joseph chugged off through the blitz.

I have lived many years in this city. I have never known a taxi man refuse a fare before. Since that night I have used Joseph's taxi many times and rely on him for up-to-date news about the taxi man's life in wartime, the morale of the East End of London where Joseph lives, and the ordinary man's hopes for the future.

cord of events makes sombre reading for Frenchmen — less so because of France's defeat, for many nations have lost wars without losing self-respect, than because the self-appointed leaders of France have capitulated spiritually to the enemies of France and of the human race. Yet Frenchmen have matter for pride as well; the muzzled mil- culminating tragedy of lions of their nation have Frenchmen battling not succumbed to the alien poison; the and unhappy little war free spirits under Gen. that has just ended in de Gaulle have kept the Tricolour in the fight against Hitlerism, and of 1939 to to-day the re-

All In Same Boat

Joseph is allowed three gallons of gasoline a day, which enables him to drive about 60 miles. Before the war he averaged 120 miles a day in his vehicle. But since the war began the scale of tipping has increased, Joseph tells me. So he still earns much the same in a good week as he did in pre-war days — about £5.

The class of people who use taxis in London has changed since

By
Peter Howard

war began. "Most of the nobs seem to have gone away out of London," Joseph says. "I get people in my cab now who would never have taken a taxi before the war. Mothers from the East End with children on their way out of London and so on. Friendlier people they are somehow too. Don't seem to have as many rows nowadays as I used to, guv'nor. They lean out of my window sometimes and bawl out to me which way to go."

Joseph's wife and his three children are evacuees in the country. They have been to six different homes since war began. "Blow me, guv'nor," says Joseph. "They can't expect the missus and kids to stay away from their own home all that long. As soon as we have a week or two of quiet nights, back they all come to London. Then 'tler drops a packet one night, and back they go to the country. I've tried to get 'er—the missus I mean — to make up 'er mind. But there you are. She just won't stay put some'ow."

Joseph's missus and kids are part of the biggest problem of war-time evacuation—the tens of thousands of mothers and children who move back into London a few days after each big raid and wait for the next one before moving out again. When this mass exodus from our city takes place, the big raids, taxis are about a only sure means of transport. Tubes are often disorganised and buses cannot make their way through the streets until the debris is cleared away.

"Oh, don't you worry about us down the East End, guv'nor," Joseph tells me, "people are sticking it wonderful well, considering. Of course we have one or two grumblers down our way who say they can't see how we are going to beat 'em. But we just let 'em get on with it. Don't do no one any harm, and we beat 'em last

time didn't we?" So says Joseph who fought all through the last war.

Helped Draw Fire Engines

He did something in this war too. The fact can now be disclosed that when the big raids on London began last September, we were short of fire-fighting equipment. So the taxi men of London, my friend Joseph among them, volunteered to drag the heavy fire engines and pumps. Out into the blitz night after night Joseph and the taxi men of London went, hauling equipment to the fires which the Germans had started and were then bombing.

Many of Joseph's friends were killed in this service. "Strained the old engine a bit guv'nor," Joseph told me, "But there you are. We managed to put out some of the stuff 'e'd started." (Hitler is usually referred to by Joseph as 'e or 'im.)

The truth is that by the exertions and courage of the London taxi men, millions of pounds worth of valuable material was saved. Like the taxi men of Paris who transported Gallieni's troops and equipment into the gap in the Marne in 1914, and saved the situation, so the taxi men of London will take their place in history when the full story of this war is told.

Nowadays we have proper engines to drag the fire equipment to where it is needed, so the taxi men of London are no longer required for this service.

Hard Time In Black-Out

Joseph's taxi has a dent as big as a pudding basin in the bonnet. This is the result of his driving over the edge of a bomb-crater during a black-out a night or two ago. Taxicab drivers, Joseph tells me, are especially liable to black-out mishaps. For, through their intimate knowledge of the highways and byways of our cities they drive and wriggle through the black-out about as quickly as by daylight, while other drivers have to go at a walking pace. And if anything drops in the roadway, taxi men may drive right into the hole before they can stop.

Joseph is a member of the "Bomb Berlin" brigade. As we stopped in a traffic block near Liverpool Street station the other day, Joseph called out to me, pointing to a bombed building. "Guv'nor, guv'nor—we're beginning to give 'im a bit of it back. The more the merrier, that's what I say. 'Cos why, guv'nor? 'Cos take it from me 'e 'ates it." Then the taxi moved on with a jerk.

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SYRIANS BARE NAZI WORK IN BEIRUT

(By A. C. Sedgwick)

LIFE IS BEING adjusted in Beirut and throughout Syria and Lebanon to conditions that are almost universally declared more agreeable than those prevailing before hostilities, although martial law imposes a 10 o'clock curfew.

The President of the Lebanon Council, Alfred Naccache, said he and his government were pleased with the change, and certainly by every appearance the British troops of occupation are popular with the Lebanese.

Many of the Vichy-sentimented French — those of mild feelings who have remained — have expressed appreciation of the fact that the armistice terms imposed no humiliation on them and that the British have shown a will to let the past be forgotten.

More than once the writer has been told how lenient they felt the terms were.

Some profess to have believed the Vichy prisoners would be sent to prison camps in India while the Gaullists had a field day. Many managed to convince themselves that the British had predatory motives in taking over Syria, while others held it was the Free French intention to hand over France to the Jews.

According to many neutrals resident in Beirut, such fantasies were the result of assiduous Axis propaganda rife here for many months until the Germans fled.

An American in a position of authority told the writer it was impossible to exaggerate the work of Axis agents in Syria during the last months and that the sarcastic question put to the British when they entered — "Where are the Germans?" — was a bluff.

Shopkeepers, especially those selling photographic and optical equipment, say that Germans in the guise of tourists were here in droves.

Taxi drivers testify they were hired to take the "tourists" to the Turkish border as soon as the fighting went in favour of the British and Free French. The Italians, they say, offered higher prices to get out. Some German technicians and military advisers stayed longer.

While many residents of Syria profess to have been unaware of the extent of the German infiltration, most—even the firmest Vichy adherents—admit to knowledge that Nazi air forces were at all the principal airfields. The excuse offered is that the German-Italian Armistice Commission sanctioned such practice.

Blocked Earlier Armistice

Germany supported the Vichy French throughout the Syrian campaign and was responsible for the rejection of a proffered armistice in mid-June, soon after the war started, a reliable Free French source said.

General Henri Dentz, Vichy commander and High Commissioner, and his staff were dominated so completely by the Germans that they agreed to German infiltration and the transport of munitions and guns to be used against the British in Iraq, this source said.

The Vichy French were said to have issued feelers for armistice terms through United States Consul-General Cornelius Engert in mid-June, before the fall of Damascus. The British replied within twenty-four hours with generous terms, but Germany lightened her pressure and General Dentz never answered.

The German commission, it was said, promised extensive aid to the Vichy forces, assured them that Turkey was about to collapse under Axis pressures, arranged for the release of 200 aeroplanes from France, and sent a small reinforcement of officers.

Mr. Engert asked if the Vichy command wished to transmit a reply to the British armistice terms, but was told that it was felt the time had not come to negotiate. The defenders, it was said, had been told that the Germans would drive the British from Syria within two months and occupy Jerusalem.

BRITISH PILOT'S COURAGE

Though wounded in the neck by a bullet from a Messerschmitt during a daylight sweep over Merville Aerodrome in occupied France, a British sergeant pilot courageously flew his Blenheim safely home.

The observer pressed his thumbs against the severed vein, and the pilot flew on. Another Messerschmitt attacked, but a burst from the rear gunner blew it to pieces. The Blenheim joined up with a formation returning home which was attacked by nine Messerschmitts, one of which was shot down. The wounded pilot almost fainted, and the aircraft collided with another Blenheim, but both were righted.

Over England, the pilot, fearing that he would collapse, warned the crew to bale out. They refused, urging him to land.

Their last adventure occurred when it was discovered that one of the flaps had been shot away, causing the plane to spin. The pilot righted the craft, and landed it safely.

He was taken to hospital, and is expected to recover.

WALTZING MATILDA THE TANK

The principal types of British tanks are being given names with popular appeal, with the object of encouraging contributions for their purchase similar to the Spitfires. One type, a 30-ton tank, will be named "Waltzing Matilda."

"Speed the Tanks" funds are springing up all over the country. Individuals and communities subscribing sufficient to purchase a tank have it named after them.

GERMANS NEED OIL

The Germans are exploring every means of increasing Europe's oil production, which before the war yielded only 10,000,000 tons a year.

According to the German petroleum Press, more oil will be obtained from Albania and Rumania, and there will be new bores in old fields there. Prospecting is going on in Hungary, Croatia, Greece, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Poland.

New plants are also being built to extract oil from coal and alcohol from wood and barley.

Because wine has a high content of alcohol, the Germans have seized great quantities in France, causing a serious shortage.

SHANGHAI PUPPET PARADE BOMBED

AN ATTEMPT by a terrorist to halt a lantern procession held in the Western district of Shanghai to celebrate Axis recognition of the Nanking Government ended fatally for him when a hand grenade, which he had concealed in his person, exploded. Two suspected confederates including a young Chinese girl sustained severe bodily injuries.

Long before the procession started a crowd of more than 20,000 persons thronged the vicinity and entrance of Jessfield Park. Shortly after 6 p.m. a terrorist entered the park with a grenade of the military type concealed underneath his clothing. While in the lavatory he accidentally released the safety catch of the infernal machine, which immediately exploded.

The explosion resulted in his dismemberment and immediate death. Two suspected accomplices including Miss Fong Ning, a 22-year-old girl, who were in the vicinity sustained serious injuries. Miss Ning was injured in the head while the other suspect, Chang-yuan, a twenty-year-old native of Ningpo, sustained severe bodily injuries. Both were removed to hospital.

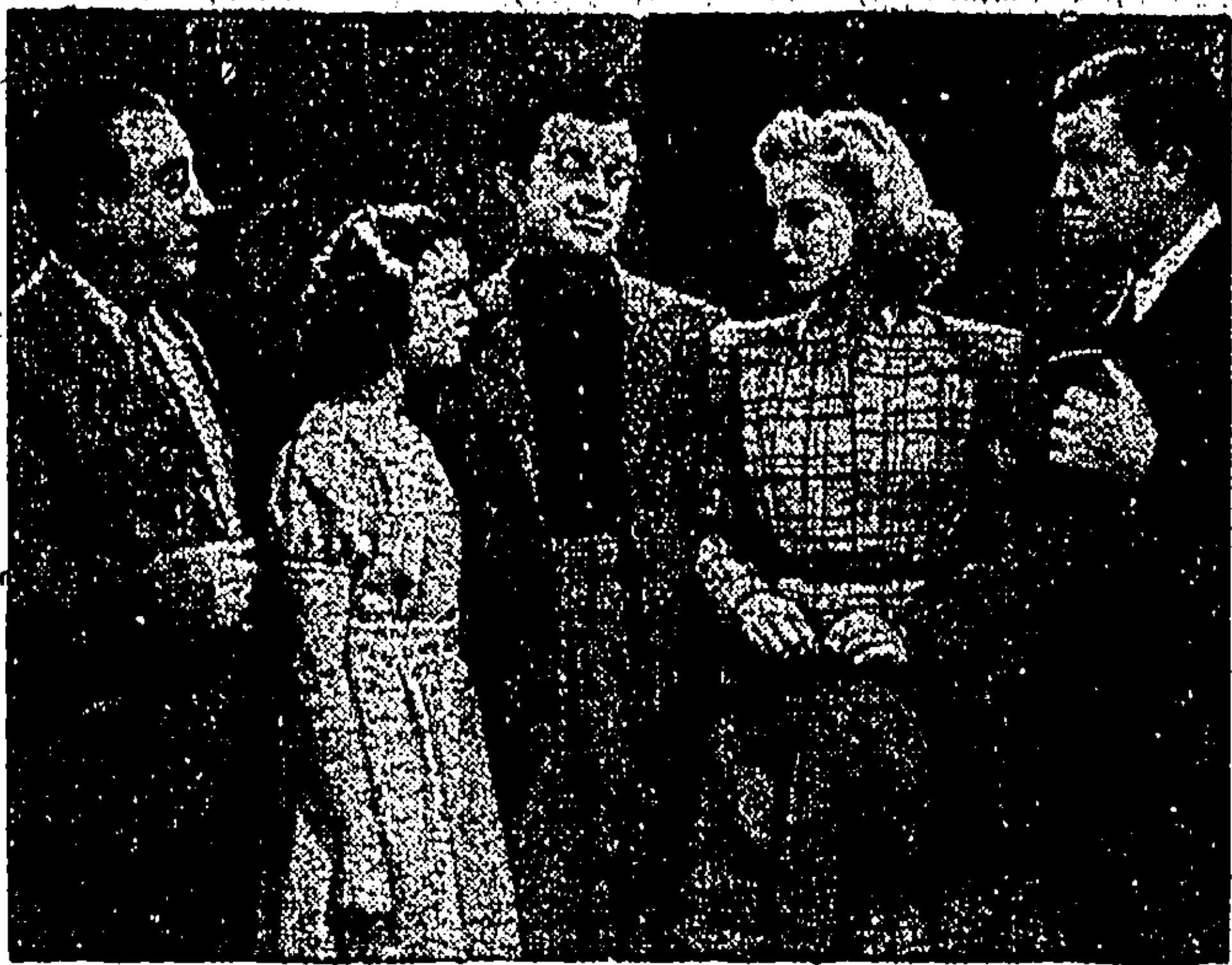
Owing to the careful and well-planned measures taken by the Western Area Special Police to guard against terrorist acts the incident did not delay the holding of the procession for one minute. The precautionary measures taken for the protection of the public were worked out by Commissioner C. C. Pan of the

Western Area Special Police assisted by Mr. J. B. Clissold, the Deputy Commissioner.

Order was restored out of the chaos within a remarkably short while following the explosion with the result that the arrangements for the procession were carried out without a hitch. Officers of the Special Police attached to its Crime branch made an immediate investigation of the incident. The procession, which was one of the principal festivities connected with the celebrations of the recognition of the new Nanking Government by eight foreign powers terminated at about 10 p.m. at the corner of Bubbling Well and Great Western Roads.

NAZIS' COPPER NEED

The Dutch Quisling, Anton Mussert, in a broadcast over the German-controlled wireless, said: "Germany desperately needs copper. Those of you who want to help our God-sent saviour in his fight against Communism cannot do so better than by collecting copper."



Drama, flavoured with comedy, describes this scene from "A Little Bit of Heaven." The players are (L. to R.) Hugh Herbert, Gloria Jean, Frank Jenks, Nan Grey and Stuart Erwin. At the King's.

U.S. WILL SOON PASS THE OUTPUT OF NAZIS

(By James B. Reston)

ECONOMISTS of the Office of Production Management estimate that by April the United States will be out-producing Germany in airplanes and tanks, Senator Downey of California told the Senate Military Affairs Committee in secret session.

As the programme was now developing, Mr. Downey said, the United States by next Spring will be "so far ahead that Germany won't even be second." The OPM estimated, he added, that a billion dollars' worth of military equipment was being turned out in this country every month and that in two years this rate of production would be tripled.

Mr. Downey used the figures in support of his argument that the committee should not grant to the Administration blanket authority to requisition industrial plants and machinery.

"If we continued to do what the Army and Navy wants to do," he declared, "and convert this nation into an armed camp, with a production of three billion dollars monthly of arms and material, I look almost for collapse and revolution."

Estimates Of Efficiency

The OPM believes, he stated, that as a result of the speed-up of technological processes and machinery during the rearmament programme this country will increase its efficiency to such a degree that it soon will be able to produce as much equipment as it is doing now with 2,000,000 fewer workers a year.

If the trend in rearmament were allowed to spiral continuously upward, the Senator asserted, "we may have 30,000,000 unemployed" at the end of the war. This view, he added, was shared by "practically every economist in Washington."

Calling for drastic limitation of the Property Seizure Bill, he said:

"It is a question of balance. I do hope that some limitation will be put in this measure that will, to the fullest extent, maintain the stability of industry in the United States, because I can see, right in Los Angeles, when this war boom is over, if we don't face violence and death and revolution I will be surprised."

This statement prompted Senator Schwartz of Wyoming to observe that if the United States was "not prepared and the Japs come over here, when they get through with Los Angeles there won't be any business there at all."

No Pacific Defences

Senator Chandler of Kentucky commented that, as the nation stands right now, Japan could "park an aircraft carrier in the Pacific" and bomb the whole coast of California.

"You haven't got an anti-aircraft gun on the entire coast," he asserted. "I have been all the way up and down it. You haven't got any defences."

The text of the executive session hearings on the Draft Property Bill shows a clear division in the committee between those members led by Senator Chandler, who wanted to give the Administration authority to seize "any property necessary to the defence of the United States," and those who wanted a definite limit on what property was to be seized.

A committee minority, including Senator Downey and Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, were worried about the possibility that the government might decide that newspapers and radio stations were "necessary to the defence of the United States," requisition them and thus control the organs of public opinion in the country.

Such broad powers, they argued, were not only unnecessary to meet the immediate needs of the emergency but were dangerous.

The views of those arguing for limitation finally prevailed when the committee voted unanimously to accept a modified bill, which will be brought up in the Senate Monday.

FIREPROOF LIQUID

Sir John Madsen, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Sydney University, who is one of a group of five Australian scientists who will establish headquarters in the United States and England in connection with the war effort, has been invited to attend a demonstration at Washington of a new fire-proofing liquid which the United States War and Navy Departments are investigating.

Australian officials in the United States are taking a keen interest in this material, which will be made available by the inventor, a Scandinavian occultist, who, after many years of experimenting, perfected it at Los Angeles.

The material is said to have very high military advantages, and aeroplane fabrics treated with it will not burn. A blazing thermite bomb can be doused quickly with a few shovels of sawdust treated with the liquid, and a blazing tank of crude oil can be extinguished with a spray.

JOHN BULLS

A fire started by German bombers among farm buildings near an East Anglian town was extinguished by stampeding cattle, which broke out of their stalls and trampled blazing timber underfoot.

LEOPOLD'S ACT DEFENDED

What is believed to be the "inside story" of the seven tragic days leading to the surrender of King Leopold of Belgium was told for the first time when a settlement was announced in the law courts of a libel action brought by Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, against the Daily Mirror Newspapers, Limited.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., counsel for Sir Roger Keyes said that within a few hours of the German invasion of Belgium on May 10 last year, Sir Roger Keyes, at the request of the British Government, flew to join King Leopold as a special liaison officer. He remained with the King until May 27, when King Leopold asked for an armistice.

Mr. Churchill, on May 2, announcing the Belgian surrender, asked that judgment should be suspended until the facts were known.

Sir Roger Keyes, in the lobby of the House of Commons, echoed this advice to a representative of the "Daily Mirror," which, on May 30, published an attack on King Leopold and also Sir Roger Keyes.

Sir Patrick Hastings described how the British Army and the French Northern Army were ordered on May 20 to prepare to fight south-west to regain contact with the main French Army. It was clear that unless the Belgian Army could conform with this movement there would be a breach of contact between the British and Belgian Armies, he said.

"King Leopold made it clear that if there was a separation between the two armies the capitulation of the Belgian Army would be inevitable," continued Sir Patrick Hastings.

The Belgian Army, at the request of the French High Command, was withdrawn on May 23 from a strongly prepared position on the Scheldt to a weaker and longer line on the Lys to allow the British Army to retire behind a defensive frontier line to prepare for a southward offensive.

"King Leopold, on the morning of May 27, asked Sir Roger Keyes to inform the British authorities that he would be obliged to surrender before a debacle occurred, and at 5 p.m. on May 27 King Leopold informed the British and French authorities that he intended at midnight to ask for an armistice in order to avoid further slaughter of his people."

Sir Patrick Hastings concluded that Sir Roger Keyes, in the light of his knowledge, felt justified in suggesting a suspension of judgment on King Leopold, and resented the attack on himself.

The defendants accepted Sir Patrick Hastings's statement and regretted having been misled by an unimpeachable source.

The Judge ordered defendants to pay damages the amount not being stated, and also costs.

NIGHTINGALE V. BANSHEE

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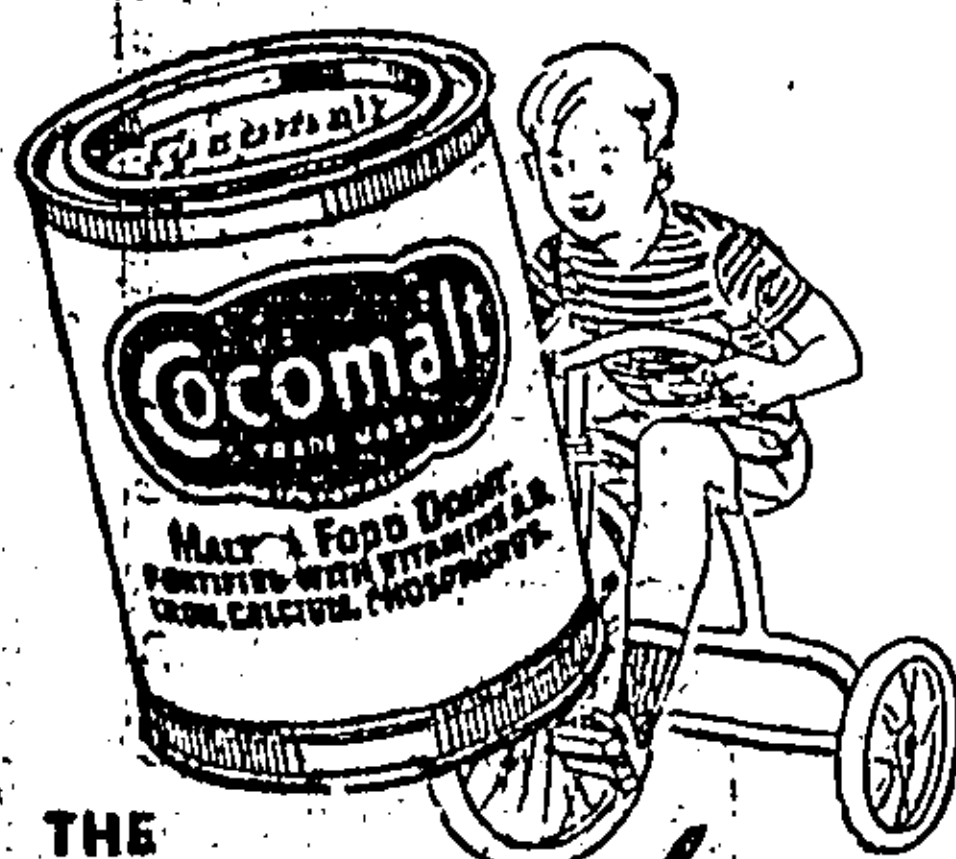
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STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE

By The Four Aces

There are some bidding situations in which the experienced and thoughtful player knows that danger is ahead. If he is wise, he passes at the first safe (or reasonably safe) contract in order to make sure of staying out of trouble. To-day's hand is a case in point.

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 8 6

♥ K Q J 10 6

♦ K Q J 10 9

♣ 6

WEST

♠ Q J 3 2

♥ 9 7 6 2

♦ A 7 3 2

♣ 8

EAST

♠ 9 5

♥ A 4 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ K J 9 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 7 4

♥ 8

♦ 5

♣ A Q 10 7 3 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass

2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass

3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

4♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

South played the hand as well as he could and was down only two tricks, for a penalty of 500 points. But he never should have been at so high a contract. North should have passed at two spades!

Consider the information available to North at the point where South had bid two spades.

By beginning with the clubs and bidding the spades later on, South showed that he had more clubs than spades. (It was possible that he had two four-card suits, but his next bid ruled that possibility out.) And by rebidding the spades, he showed that he had a five-card spade suit. Hence he had at least six clubs and only two red cards at most.

If South had only two red cards, North would not be well off at a heart or diamond contract. Furthermore, North should have realised that South would not give up his two suits just to let North play the hand at a bad red trump contract. Moreover, if South had only two red cards, the North hand was practically worthless to him. Hence, further bidding could not do the North-South cause any good and might lead to serious trouble.

North should have stopped to reason this all out, and then he would have passed safely at two spades. There's a big difference between making 60 points below the line and giving the opponents 500 above the line.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3

♥ A Q 7 3 2

♦ A 4 2

♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken You Miler Jacoby

1♠ Pass 1NT 2♣

Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣

Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner could have bid four clubs, two or more no-trump, or he could have raised the hearts. Instead of making any of these stronger bids, he made a minimum rebid in his own suit. Game is very unlikely, and a pass may save you from a bad contract.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for three hearts.

Question No. 792

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken You Miler Jacoby

1♠ Pass 1NT 2♦

Pass 2♥ Pass 3♦

Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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The "Flying Padre" is an ordained priest of the Church of England, who is also a Pilot Officer of the R.A.F. He is engaged in regular duties as a flying instructor at an R.A.F. elementary flying training school.

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During his undergraduate days he learned to fly with the Cambridge University Air Squadron, and subsequently was accepted for the Reserve of Air Force Officers.

After leaving Cambridge he went to India, and was teaching English in a missionary college in Delhi. During this period he continued flying as a member of the Delhi Flying Club.

Later he spent two years at a Church of England Theological College at home—still flying whenever a chance came—and was then ordained by the Bishop of Birmingham in 1936.

On the outbreak of war this officer applied for a commission for "non-operational flying duties." After a refresher course in flying he was appointed to the flying training school. Special sanction was given for him to act in addition as the station chaplain.

The Flying Padre has been asked frequently how he reconciles his flying duties with those of a chaplain. His reply is that there is no inconsistency between the two. Teaching young men to fly is — he maintains — a non-combatant job. His teaching concerns only flying and does not touch at all the operational side.

"I have a certain knowledge and skill which can pass on usefully," he says. "My practical flying work does not disturb my conscience."

BRITISH INSPIRE WIFE OF PRESIDENT

"I THINK ONE'S DESIRE IS TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO GO TO WORK AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN BOMBED THE NIGHT BEFORE AND PERHAPS HAVE SEEN THEIR BELONGINGS REDUCED TO RUINS." MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT TOLD WORKERS OF THE BRITISH WAR RELIEF SOCIETY ON A VISIT TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

"One just has the desire," she said, according to Reuter, "to do everything one can to show appreciation for that kind of courage and that kind of determination to preserve the way of life which is at least a free choice of the people who are living in it."

"To-day it seems to me that this decision of having a free choice as to what you will do is one that many of us have got to face and have got to decide whether we think it important for the future. I think the choice of being able to say what you think and do what you think right is one that we all must be at the back of in this country."

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The second pilot stated that tracer was hardly ever outside the wing span. Though injured by splinters, he stood in the astro dome during the entire engagement, and kept up a running commentary. The rear gunner replied to at least eight of the attacks before he was killed. The wireless operator was wounded.

The combat began at 12,00 feet and ended at sea-level off the coast north of the River Elbe. In the final attack the starboard petrol tanks were hit. In spite of much other damage to the aircraft from machine gun and cannon-fire, the pilot brought it safely home across the North Sea.

NO SMOKES SO WOULD NOT SAIL

The crew of a Cardiff coaster refused to sail unless they obtained cigarettes for the voyage, so Seamen's Union officials and shipping clerks were forced to hunt the dock areas for supplies. Tobaccoists gave up some of the supplies they had reserved for regular customers. The ship sailed punctually.

It was announced that in future coastal seamen would be assured of 10 cigarettes a day during voyages. The captain will be able to buy cigarettes under a Board of Trade certificate.

It is pointed out that deep-sea sailors, once beyond territorial waters, get their tobacco duty free.



DiETING Dot says if she could balance the scales as well as she can her menu weights and measures would cease to be her problem.

NEW ADVANTAGE TO B.B.C.

A deputation from the Institute of Journalists protested to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, Mr. Harold Nicolson, against the preferential treatment which, it claimed, was accorded the B.B.C. in the issue of public statements important news.

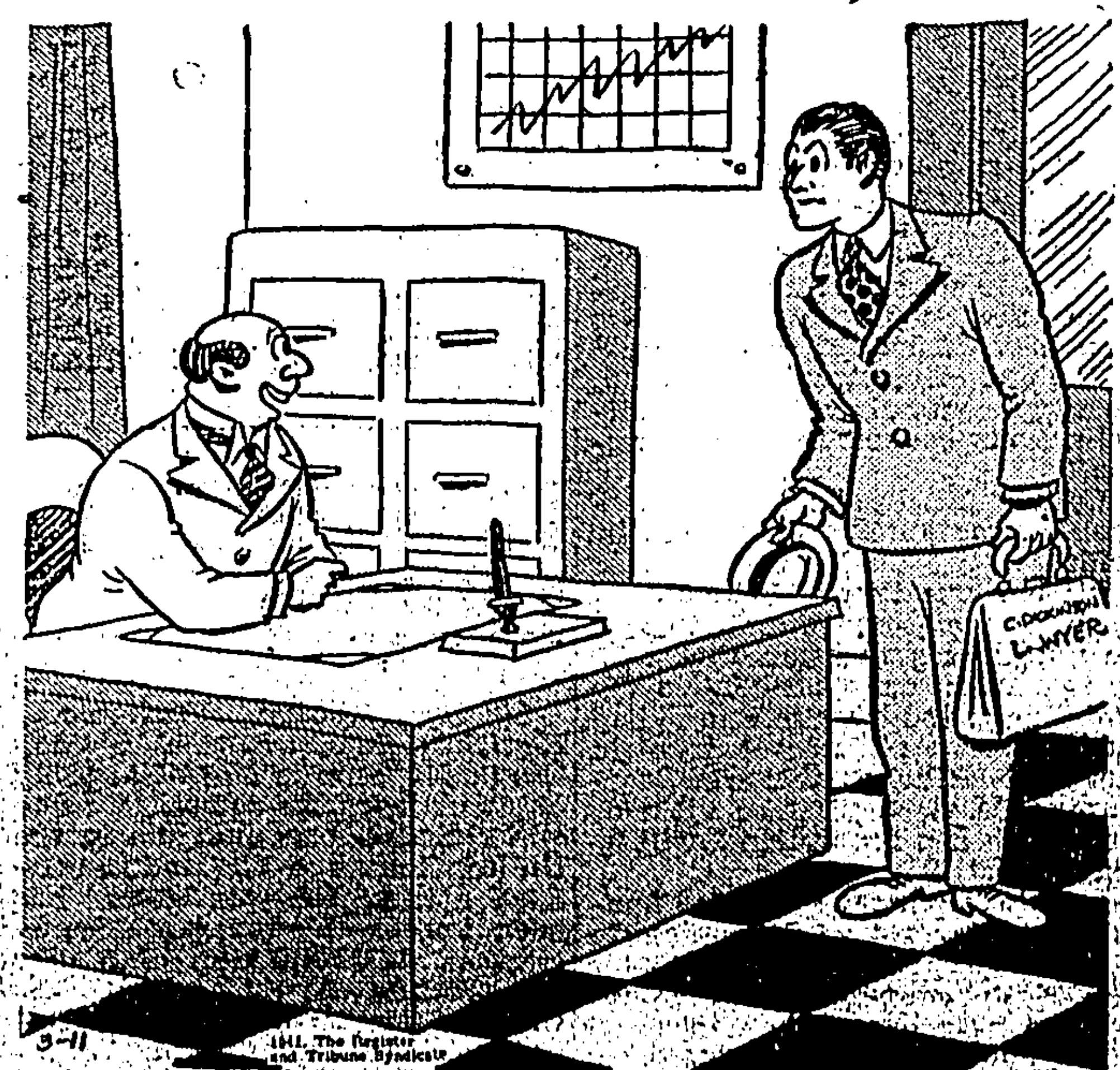
Mr. Nicolson, who received the deputation on behalf of the Minister for Information, denied the allegations of favouritism to the B.B.C., but promised to place the deputation's case before the Minister.

The deputation submitted recent examples which were described as "instances of deliberate discrimination against the newspapers," adding that it was impossible to resist the conclusion that the frequent release of important news items in time for the B.B.C. news was more than a coincidence.

The deputation pointed out that the newspapers would almost certainly give Ministerial pronouncements a better show if the B.B.C. had not already taken the bloom from them. It disclaimed any animus against the B.B.C., stating that wartime emergencies imposed immense disabilities of a physical kind on the newspapers, which was an additional reason for seeing that the B.B.C.'s privileges did not transcend the obligations of fair play.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



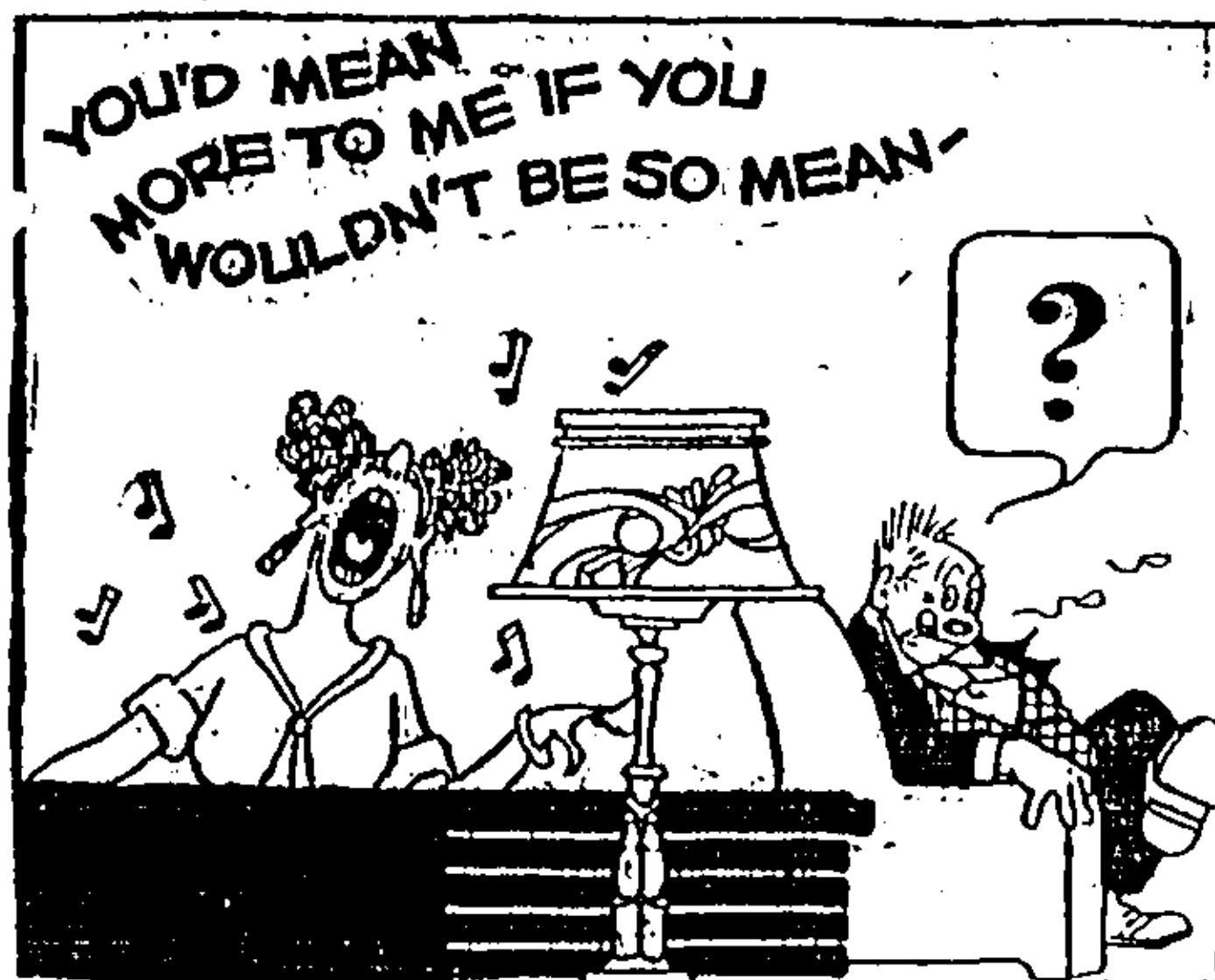
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Cool Coiffure To Outwit Heat

About now you would probably give your fortune for a cool snow-drift! Heated scalp, perspiring skin, sparkle-drained eyes and a definite slump in your spirit. That's you. Well, buck up and learn a few self-cooling tricks.

What about your coiffure. Is it a cool one so arranged to keep wads of heavy hair off your neck? Why go about with a shoulder too high for comfort, when your hair can be combed up to the top of your head anchored with an elastic band and the curly ends so arranged to give you a piquant, cool look? Yes, such a flower-pot arrangement is quite the vogue this summer and all long bob girls are happy that someone invented it for heavy long hair need not be thinned or cut short to be comfortable. You try it right now.

Now to treat that hot skin. Fold a couple of face tissues into a pad and drench it with chilled skin freshener. Pat the back of your neck, your throat, temples first, then the rest of your face and the palms of your hands. Use two pads at one time if you wish for quicker results. Not even the bees could object to your doing this during the hottest part of the afternoon if he does, suggest that he try it, too!

Those of you who play cool one minute and hot the next could keep a bottle of freshener in the icebox and use it just before you take off your apron to make your appearance in the living room. It actually does the trick.

Keep Fresh This Way

Summer is the time to cultivate that extra-clean look. This requires very thorough cream cleansings. Put four or five generous blobs of cream on face and quickly spread them over your face with upward strokes with fingertips which have been dipped into icy water. Again dip your fingers in the iced water and briskly spank your face for at least three minutes. This awakens tired pores and makes them discharge every bit of grime and waste so when you remove the cream with tissues your face is

This refreshingly youthful and cool coiffure for long hair was designed by Andre of Richard Hudnut Salon, Miss Elizabeth Derby, New York debutante, models it.



clean and soft and smooth. Then a brisk dabbing with chilled freshener before you powder. If your powder cakes during the summer, or gets moist and unlovely try this: after powdering press your face with a wad of cotton first saturated with cold freshener and then wrung dry. This sets your powder and keeps your complexion looking fresh hours longer. And for a quick pick-up at the

end of a long hot day, clean your face with cream and then lie down cover your entire face and neck with folded tissue pads moistened with chilled freshener. Leave just a breathing hole in one for your mouth! This is guaranteed to banish that so-exhausted feeling and put you in a party mood. The clever beauty has tricks for remaining cool and fresh and good natured right through the day and night!

Crawl To Invite Figure Beauty



The modern Belle gets her quota of summer exercise. Helen Parrish likes swimming and seawater keeps her figure streamlined!

Stout girls write me and complain that swimming does not slim their figures. Slim girls write and tell me that swimming doesn't seem to add glamour to their figures. And I answer, "Learn and practice the crawl if you wish to invite figure beauty for its timing, kick, rhythm and pull is bound to make your figure and your face more beautiful!"

The trouble is many swimmers are lazy. They jump into the sea, splash about for five minutes and then out on the hot sand they go to remain for an hour or two. No figure beauty is possible without effort so at least one half hour of a day at the beach should be spent swimming. Fifteen minutes one time, sun for awhile, and fifteen minutes again.

The crawl calls every muscle and bone into coordination. Even the twisting of the neck as your face comes up for air—first one side, then the other—helps to beautify you. Double chin banish! Too skinny necks fill out if breathing is deep and rhythmical.

Face muscles firm and skin texture is greatly improved. Even the salt sea water washes and beautifies the eyes! So not one of you can write and tell me that swimming the crawl does not improve your figure flaws! If it doesn't you are not swimming enough.

A Fair Test

Now that the summer is here and swimming opportunities plentiful, I urge every girl and woman to learn how to swim and then to learn how to do the crawl correctly. A few lessons from a friend who swims well, or from a professional teacher, should be sufficient once you acquire the knack of deep breathing and rhythmical kicking and pulling.

And what compensations there are in swimming well. Your health improves, your spirits soar, your beauty is enhanced! You get fun while you exercise. You find swimming enthusiasts in every summer crowd and, most important, you develop a poise and assurance which radiates when you want to look your best and to be your most alluring! Hair can be kept dry by wear-

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra. Slaughter On Tenth Avenue (from film "On Your Tocs"—Hart). Manhattan Moonlight. Manhattan Serenade (Alter).

12.50 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

I Don't Feel No Ways Tired; Deep River (Arr. Burleigh).... Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano. Help Me To Fly Over Jordan (Traditional)—arr. Sam Manning.... Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Boys.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Light Variety.

Vocal—The Cockeyed Mayor Of Kaunakakai (Anderson); Rhumbogie (from film "Argentine Nights"—Raye).... The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra.

Organ—Smash and Grab (Leach); Temptation Rag (Lodge).... Donald Thorne.

Piano—Blossoms on Broadway (from film "Blossoms on Broadway") (Robin—Ranger).... Leslie Hutchinson.

Piano—Carroll Calls The Tunes (No. 2)—Intro: In An 18th Century Drawing Room; It's A Lovely Day Tomorrow; Scatterbrain; It's A Hap, Hap, Happy Day; Faithful Forever; Let The People Sing.... Carroll Gibbons.

Comedienne—The South Is The Place For Me (Ellis & others); Why Has A Cow Got Four Legs (Ellis & Furber).... Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in D Minor. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—An Irving Berlin Programme.

I'm Sorry For Myself; When Winter Comes (both from film "Second Fiddle").... Mary Healy with Orch. "On The Avenue"—Piano Medley.... Vivian Ellis.

A Little Old Church In England; Because I Love You.... Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Easter Parade; Say It With Music (both from film "Alexander's Ragtime Band").... Henry King and his Orchestra.

Alexander's Ragtime Band (from film).... The Boswell Sisters (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.

Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories—Intro: Kitten on the Keys; Ukulele Lady; What'll I Do; Carolina in the Morning; Chili-Born-Born; Dancing Time; Keep on Humming; April Showers; Indian Love Call; I'll Build A Stairway to Paradise.

Parade of the Sandwich-Board Men. Phil The Fluter's Ball.

Where The Blue Begins—Intro: Love Stay In My Heart (from film "Top of the World").

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band and Dick Todd (Vocal).

Meet Me Down In Sunset Valley (Gilbert); My Heaven In The Pines (Campbell, Sigler, Conrad).... Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano (Leon Rene).... Dick Todd with Orchestra.

When Shall We Two Meet Again? (Bradbury—Smith—Kennedy); Go To It! (Hill—Titheradge).... Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

It's A Hundred To One (Kemper—Jurgens); Blue Orchids (Hoagy Carmichael).... Dick Todd with Orchestra.

Six Hits Of The Day, No. 40—Intro: All Over The Place; There'll Come Another Day; Bless 'Em All; Ferryboat Serenade; Sierra Sue; I'm Nobody's Baby.... Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"A Marriage Has Been Arranged". A One-act Play by Alfred Satri. Produced by Leonard Starbuck.

9.25 p.m.—The New Symphony Orchestra.

Valse Triste ("Kuolema"—Sibelius). Solemn Melody (Walford Davies).

"Henry VIII" Dances (Edward German)—Shepherd's Dance; Morris Dance; Torch Dance.

Mediterranean (Bax).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Liszt—Ballade in B Minor. Louis Kentner (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Land We Defend"—The Western Highlands and Islands.

10.48 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates. Four Ways Suite: Northwards—Southwards—Eastwards—Westwards.... The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

A Song Remembered.... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.

London Bridge March.... The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Music Of The Night.... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.

By The Sleepy Lagoon.... Orchestra Raymond.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

FAMOUS LONDON BUILDINGS HIT IN RECENT RAIDS

FURTHER DETAILS of damage inflicted by the enemy on famous London buildings and institutions in recent raids may now be revealed.

Queen's Hall, London's internationally famous concert hall, has been severely damaged, and instruments valued at thousands of pounds belonging to the London Philharmonic Orchestra have been destroyed.

After the raid the L.P.O. arrived to give a concert, and found themselves without hall or instruments.

Other instruments were borrowed and the concert was given in the Royal Academy of Music.

The manager sat at a table on the pavement to direct the audience as they arrived. Within an hour the orchestra gave their advertised programme without alteration.

Queen's Hall was opened in 1893, and two years later the first of the famous "Proms" was conducted there by Sir Henry Wood. Paderewski was once paid £1,000, a record fee, for a concert there. Richard Strauss and Toscanini made their London debuts at Queen's Hall.

St. James's Palace was hit by two high-explosive bombs. The main damage was done at Friary Court, in Marlborough Gate, the part of the palace precincts most familiar to the public, as it flanks the road into the park and is often the scene of the Changing of the Guard.

Residential quarters on the side of the court nearest the park were badly damaged, and so was the office of the Superintendent of Works.

London Museum Damaged

The London Museum, which is in the precincts, was also hit. Part of the building will have to be demolished and rebuilt.

Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was hit by a number of incendiaries. Most of these were extinguished before damage could be done, but the chapel was burnt out.

The chapel is now a mass of charred timbers. The private pew used by Queen Elizabeth in the 16th century was badly damaged, but the Altar cloth and other valuable articles were saved.

Juxon Hall, the 15th-century ecclesiastical library, was damaged by fire, and thousands of its books were either destroyed or damaged.

Court-Room Vanished

The Old Bailey has had its Newgate Street wing shattered by a high-explosive bomb. One of the court-rooms of the Central Criminal Court has vanished.

The central part of the building and the other wing remain intact, and the figure of Justice still stands on the dome with sword outstretched and scales balanced.

Two porters on duty, Harry Dart and Harold Sheehy, were killed in the raid. This is the third time that the Old Bailey has been bombed.

St. Clement Danes Church, in the Strand, has been reduced to charred walls and a tower, after being hit by incendiary bombs for the third time. Two days afterwards the smoke still curled up from the rubble.

Of its 12 bells made famous in the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons," two are cracked, but the bells may yet peel again. The parish registers were saved. The church was designed by Wren and completed in 1682.

The Salvation Army Headquarters in Queen Victoria Street have been burned out. Most of the records were destroyed, though some may still be safe in the strong room. Headquarters' work is being carried on by the Salvation Army at its college at Denmark Hill.

St. Thomas's Hospital has twice been bombed again recently. Nightingale House, where the Lady of the Lamp founded her nurses' home, has been partly destroyed, and Florence Nightingale's carriage was wrecked.

R. A. F. URGES SABOTAGE

Britain has called in propaganda to aid the R.A.F.'s offensive over northern France, which is being relentlessly continued with increasing daring.

A member of the Air Staff broadcast a call to Frenchmen to sabotage French factories which were working for Germany.

He declared: "The R.A.F.'s hammer-blows have caused havoc to the German armament factories, and German workers and engineers are panic-stricken."

"Germany is now replacing her own nationals with Frenchmen who have been lured from their homes."

"The Germans are striving to accelerate their production in order to counter-balance the American aid to Britain. Therefore, Germany needs new centres of production, and is taking over French factories."

"French workers: Your output is being used in the fight against your liberators. Remember that the R.A.F. is determined to smash German industry wherever it is situated."

"Therefore, follow my advice and abandon work in factories for work in the country. Evacuate your women and children from the neighbourhood of the factories. If you are forced to stay in the factories run to shelters when the alert sounds."

"If the Germans do not sound an alert, listen for the zooming of the planes and then forsake your benches. If there is no shelter, force the Germans to build you one."



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NEW PALESTINE FORCE

British subjects and Palestinian citizens are eligible for the Palestine Volunteer Force established under a new ordinance. The object of the new force is to "assist the Regular forces with all measures required for the defence of Palestine, within or beyond its borders or ensuring internal security."

The High Commissioner has power to determine the strength and establishment of officers and other ranks. The force is divided into three groups—combatant, a reserve group of persons whose services are primarily required in work in which they are normally engaged, and a reserve group for essential services.

The law provides pensions and gratuities for the wounded, as well as relief for wives and families unable to support themselves, and relief for widows and families of members killed. All are chargeable to the revenues of Palestine.

The head of the information section of the Jewish Agency has announced that nearly 10,000 Jews from Palestine are already serving in various units of the British forces.

STRUCTURE OF ABBEY INTACT

The general structure of Westminster Abbey is stated to be intact, though the bombing had caused surface injury to the Henry the Seventh Chapel and damage to some stonework. There was extensive loss in the Deanery and in premises tenanted by clergy and officials.

The Henry the Seventh Chapel is the Lady Chapel for the Abbey, and its "fan-tracery" ceiling, one of the finest in the world, was undamaged.

The organ, considered one of the finest in the country, was tested by Dr. Bullock, the Abbey organist, and by Dr. Peasgood, the sub-organist, and found to be undamaged. Dust will necessitate thorough cleaning, and the change of atmosphere due to the lantern being open to the sky has caused

the instrument to go out of tune. The music is safe.

The King's Inquiries

Where the King and Queen sat in their Coronation robes beneath the lantern was a heap of rubbish and broken wood. The King made special inquiries about the damage in the building.

The roof which runs over part of the Chapter House has been damaged by fire. Most of the books in the library are believed to be safe. The tomb of the Unknown Warrior was not touched.

Archdeacon Donaldson stated that the loss of the Deanery was irreparable, and irreplaceable records, furniture, and his library of thousands of books had been lost. "But it remains that no life has been sacrificed and the Abbey has been saved," he added.

Storm Of Anger

Dr. Perkins, the Sacrist, stated: "I can imagine the storm of anger that will sweep over our Dominions and America when the news of this latest exhibit of Aryan culture reaches them. The story ought to be told and I hope it will be told. It is one which will stamp Hitler for all time."

The Dean has received many telegrams expressing sympathy and a number of letters, the writers of some expressing indignation at the German action.

FAST AND FEARLESS

The variety in the type of craft the British Navy is using to sweep the seas of the enemy has been steadily increasing.

The manifold menaces to be faced at sea have dictated a policy with which naval designers and architects have kept in step by conversion and mass production methods. And this has meant the rapid growth of the fleet of smaller ships whose equipment makes them equally effective as those released for other duties, they have replaced.

The latest of the small ships, coming off the stocks almost as fast as we can man them, is the now off-the-secret-list M.L. (motor launch), in one of which I had the doubtful pleasure of watching manoeuvres in the North Sea.

Like A Taxi

A small edition of the corvette, the M.L. is a vessel of about 100ft. long, with two engines, and has a speed round about 30 knots. Manoeuvrability is such that it can turn like a taxi, and, in my sea experience, is matchless for its roll!

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I watched from the bridge the swift jockeying and sliding into position rapid turns and sudden acceleration, and I quickly realised what a difficult target under attack the M.L. must be.

Altogether it is a very efficient naval weapon, but an extremely uncomfortable "ride" for the crew and officers, particularly if they are unaccustomed to such a small ship.

SEA HERO'S 7TH MEDAL

A bar to his bronze medal is the seventh decoration awarded to Robert Cross, a Humber lifeboat coxswain.

SOLDIERS GATECRASH SAVOY

A fashionable gathering in the Savoy Hotel lounge, including high Army officers, was surprised to see three bronzed Diggers walk in, carrying their jackets, and with their sleeves rolled up.

The Diggers, who were the first to be seen in London for months, announced that they were "broke," but wanted to see inside some of London's "low dives."

They were invited to join a party of Australian and American journalists, to whom they revealed that they came from Warburton (Victoria), and belonged to Australia's "Forgotten Battalion," consisting of several hundred expert bushmen, left behind when the Australians went to Egypt. They had since been engaged in forestry work in the north of England.

The trio said the "Forgotten Battalion" had been somewhat over-looked, receiving few comforts, and, despite the importance of their work, they felt "out of things."

"Hitch-Hiked" To London

All were disappointed they had not gone to Egypt.

One member of the battalion recently disappeared and turned up after a fortnight.

He then announced that he had "hitch-hiked" to London, where he had joined a bomb disposal squad.

He was injured when a bomb exploded, but said he was happier now, because he felt he had been in action.

Australia House reports that it has just completed the furnishing of clubrooms for the use of these men when on leave in London. It is also trying in various ways to make them feel that they are not forgotten.

WOMEN'S JOURNEY IN AN OPEN BOAT

Three Englishwomen—Miss Kathleen Peto, of Lancashire, Miss Violet Gamber, of Sussex, and Mrs. Annie Haldane, 30-year-old Fifeshire widow—have reached safety after 14 days in an open boat.

The cargo vessel in which they were travelling was torpedoed in the Atlantic. With 16 companions—two Englishmen and 14 members of the crew, including seven Chinese—they lived on ship's biscuits, condensed milk, and a mouthful of water daily. They stopped talking on the tenth day because their throats were parched.

The ship, travelling to England from Capetown, was sunk six days out from Sierra Leone. On the 14th day they sighted the Cape Verde Islands, but were too exhausted to cheer. The Portuguese police carried them ashore.

Mrs. Haldane said: "Twice the lifeboat was nearly swamped. 'Taffy' Owen, a Welsh seaman, navigated the boat with the aid of a pocket compass. We sang hymns, led by Owen, and told the story of our life."

RECTOR OF ST CLEMENT DANES DEAD

The death is announced of the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes, since 1910. He was 87 years of age.

"The Times" says: "The destruction of the church by bombs may have proved fatal, though a few days ago Mr. Pennington Bickford was planning the restoration of the church after the war."

Mr. Pennington Bickford conducted the Anzac Day services in London after the first service in 1920.

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Here we have the story in a rivalry that exists had to be nutshell. It is not generally known, perhaps, that for those stationed on the Island, there are amenities enough for everything, so that those of us on the Hong Kong side who think life on Stonecutters must be "a hermit's life" are very much mistaken.

There are three sections on the Island, the Navy, the Army and the Dockyard Police, but it's one happy family and the slogan "one for all and all for one" cannot find better illustration than on Stonecutters.

Football Rivalry

Last week, for instance, the East side of the Island challenged the South to a game of football. As has already been reported in these columns, the game took place and ended in a draw.

But that very keen friendly

FRENCH RUNNER OF FUTURE?

France discovered it had a middle distance runner of world calibre during the national championships in Paris last month.

The runner is Marcel Hansene, 24, demobilised soldier and Parisian-born steel worker, who had no time off from his job to train for the race. He rode all night on a train to go to Paris, but won the national 800 metres run in 1:53 1/10, which was good enough to beat Germany's Harbig.

The same day in the German championships, Harbig ran the 300 in 1:54.

Hansene is a better mile but his ambition is to break a Doumergue's record of 2:23 for the one kilometre. Without special training Hansene has done 2:27. He has never entered a competition.

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ONE-SIDED BASEBALL OVER WEEK-END: 1 GAME TAKES 3 HOURS

(By "Grandstand")

BOTH LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK-END PROVED TO BE ONE-SIDED VICTORIES, THE PENANT-WINNING MINDANAOANS TROUNCING ROYAL ENGINEERS 27 TO 4 ON SATURDAY, WHILST 'GRANDPA' LEUNG'S CHUNG HWA MAROONS PROVED THEIR SUPERIORITY OVER BASEBALLERS WHEN THEY SMOTHERED CHUCK WAGGONER'S MOHAWKS 19 TO 8 IN A PAINFULLY SLOW GAME, WHICH LASTED ALMOST THREE HOURS.

The spirited Sappers' lack of practice for the past fortnight had a telling effect on them, when they committed a total of 12 miscues, whilst losing hurlers Mack Shaw and Micky Sarsfield were found for 16 solid blows by the merry-making mace-maulers, in a batting spree in which third-sacker Bowersox earned a perfect batting figure in three trips to the plate to chase in their runs with a trio of rasping singles.

Earl Wilson and "Greasy" Moore also had a good batting day with three safeties in four trips, the former connecting for the only three-bagger of the day.

Mound victor Tony Mascavage stopped the Sappers cold in the first frame when Sarsfield and Cork both took three healthy cuts of the ozone with the sacks choked, whilst the Minnies produced splurges of four, six and five tallies in the first three cantos and put on pressure in the fourth and fifth for clusters of eight and four markers in the next two semesters.

Hank Ruel and Lou Pawloski grounded out, whilst Tony Masonvage was whiffed in the sixth for the massacre to end. The Engineers manufactured three runs in the second session when Mack Shaw clouted a two-run single, whilst "Blondie" Taylor chased him home with a stinging single to right.

Both Mascavage and Ruel accounted for six via the strikeout route, whilst Sarsfield fanned four and Shaw whiffed three.

As the box scores had not been published prior to to-day I print them hereafter:

ENGINEERS	H.	R.	E.
T. Fox	1	0	1
Bob Foley	0	2	1
Mack Shaw	1	1	1
Taylor	2	0	2
J. Welford	1	0	2
M. Sarsfield	0	0	2
Cork	0	0	2
Harper	0	1	0
Davis	0	0	1
	5	4	12

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Hits	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	5

U.S.S. MINDANAO	H.	R.	E.
E. V. Wilson	3	5	0
H. Ruel	1	4	0
L. Pawloski	1	3	1
T. Mascavage	3	5	0
McKenzie	0	2	0
Rogers	0	1	0
R. Wilson	1	0	0
Bowersox	3	2	1
Moore	3	3	1
Daniels	1	2	1
	16	27	4

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	4	6	5	8	4	0	x	27
Hits	1	5	2	3	3	0	x	16

Panthers beat Empress Skating rink by two clear goals in the hockey on roller skates League yesterday. Ward and Eric Chung scored for the winners.

MELROSE'S

RINK WIN

The final of Taikeo Club's lawn bowls rink championship was decided last week when W. Melrose's four (Mr. Kew, F. Simpson and H. Gilles) beat the rink led by R. Main (W. McKie, H. Higgs and E. Wilson) 25-11.

WAH KIU JOIN THE LEADERS

Two games were played yesterday in the Basketball League. Wah Kiu beat Ping Ching by 49 points to 39 and Yu Leang getting the better of Victoria Recreation Club by 45-35.

Following were the scorers. Wah Kiu:—Tang Fuk-hon (25), Lau Ping-chun (8), Tang Yiu-ming (6), Ng Hoi-fu (8), Luk Yan-kan (2).

Ping Ching:—Chan Yiu-ming (14), Cheung Yim-ming (14), Shing Yan-wing (3), Fung Chik-hung (1), Lo Pak-tat (4), Wong Ho-kwong (1), Fu Kwok-tung (2).

Yu Leang:—Ng Chi-ngan (17), Leung Wai-hung (14), Tso Sai-wong (4), Kam Yim (6), Sam Cho-wing (2), Wong Tung-cho (2).

V.R.C.:—A. Azedo (10), A. Alves (2), J. Xavier (6), R. Maxwell (6), M. Got-rez (2), G. N. Gosano (1), L. Rosario (2).

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	2	2	0	4
National University	2	2	0	4
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	2	2	0	4
Wah Kiu	2	2	0	4
Residents' Union	3	2	1	4
Black Cat	2	1	1	2
Youths	2	1	1	2
Sing Tao	2	1	1	2
Indian Police	2	1	1	2
Yu Leang	3	1	2	2
V.R.C.	1	0	1	0
Bank Union	2	0	2	0
Trojans	2	0	2	0
Ping Ching	3	0	3	0

SOUTH CHINA BEAT KOWLOON TONG

Forced to concede three sets, owing to the non-appearance of T. E. Ling and S. K. Yee, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association were beaten by South China by 8 sets to 1 in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League yesterday.

S. C. Dew and P. C. Szeto (S.C.A.A.) beat F. H. Kwok and P. Fletcher 7-5 lost to E. Lee and C. C. Ma 5-7. K. H. Ip and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.) beat Kwok and Fletcher 6-3. W. T. Lee and W. C. Hok (S.C.A.A.) beat Kwok and Fletcher 6-3. beat Lee and Ma 6-1.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	25	2	6
C.R.C.	2	2	0	0	14 1/2	3 1/2	4
K.T.G.C.A.	4	2	2	0	17 1/2	18 1/2	4
K.C.C.	2	1	1	0	6 1/2	11 1/2	2
A.T.C.	2	0	2	0	4 1/2	13 1/2	0
C.S.C.C.	3	0	3	0	4	23	0

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are to-day's League Tennis fixtures:—First Division—H.K.U.T.C. v. C.D.R.; C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C. Second Division—C.R.C. v. A.T.C.; K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.; S.C.A.A. v. K.T.G.C.A.

SCHOOLBOY REPORTED SWIMMING STAR

THIS LAD IS 15 NOW, BUT SOME DAY HE MAY BE AS PROMINENT IN THE SWIMMING WORLD AS JOHNNY WEISMULLER, RALPH FLANAGAN AND ELEANOR HOLM.

He's Kenny Marsh, member of Roosevelt High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and any swimming coach in Iowa would give a lot if the boy were on his team.

Competing in the Junior B division, he swam the 40-yard free-style in 0:10.4, two-tenths second better than his former best time, and the 100-yard free-style in 0:57, nearly two seconds faster than his old time. In both events, he was well ahead of the times recorded by older competitors.

Marsh in 44 competitive starts has led the field across the finish line 42 times and has swum on 15 winning relay teams. He holds the State A.A.U. men's record for the 100-yard free-style.

Dave Armbruster, coach at the University of Iowa, hopes Marsh fulfils his plans to enroll there upon graduation from high school.

The youth began swimming when eight years old and almost ever since he has been swimming from four to six hours a day. He is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, and has tremendous arm strength. His coach, Lea Baughman, says he's just beginning to utilise his strength and that he will make even faster times.

Table To Date

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	7	1	.875
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	5	3	.625
U.S.S. Asheville/Tuila	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	5	.375
Royal Engineers	2	6	.250
South China	1	6	.146

* Since withdrawn.

Al Lau's Hurling

Behind the steady hurling of Al Lau, the Maroons overpowered Hong Kong Baseballers 19 to 5, despite the fact that the losers paraded three slabs, who yielded a total of seven blows for six innings.

Maroon hurler Al Lau, who toiled on the slab for five frames, fanned four and walked two during his mound tenure, whilst relief chucker Wally Ching, who finished the game, struck out two and passed one in two innings of masterful pitching, climaxed by a thrilling twin-killing.

After the Chung Hwamen had unleashed a hitting attack which netted them eight markers in the fifth, "Doc" Mothien was called in to put out the fire.

The mound maestro retired Pete Choy and "Specs" Shum in order, but the damage was done. In the sixth, the "Bone-setter" whiffed Kan Lo, Morocco Chan and "Grandpa" Leung to retire the side, for the only shut-out frame.

Although the Baseballers bungled 11 chances, some sparkling fielding gems were dashed out, the most brilliant being a dazzling double-killing completed by the Mohawk key-stone pair of Nip Lum and Mark Wong, when the former froze on the Morocco Chan's blazing liner and relayed the pellet to second sacker Wong to tag Bill Chang off the bag.

Maroon first-sacker Hank Chan earned batting honours by clouting a three-in-four to chase in a total of five mates, whilst Carvalho, former Recreo diamond artist, holding the initial station for the Baseballers, connected for two-in-three with a double and a single in his first appearance of the season.

Box scores are as follows:

CHUNG HWA	H.	R.	E.
P. F. Choy	0	2	0
Shum	0	1	0
Chung	0	1	0
K. H. Lo	0	0	0
Bill Chang	0	2	0
M. Chan	1	2	0
W. Ching	1	3	1
F. C. Leung	0	0	0
U. T. Chan	3	4	2
Babe Chinn	1	1	0
T. H. Loong	0	1	0
Willie Wob	1	1	3
Al Lau	0	1	0
	7	10	6

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	1	6	3	6	0	x	19
Hits	0	0	1	3	2	1	x	7

MOHAWKS	H.	R.	E.
Nip Lum	2	2	3
Waggoner	0	1	1
Molthen	0	1	0
Elder	0	1	0
M. Wong	0	0	1
Smith	0	1	2
Carvalho	2	0	2
E. M. Marques	0	1	2
Tony Silva	0	1	0
	4	8	11

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	8
Hits	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	4

Mr. E. O. Kirby paid 600 guineas for Meddion, winner of the Melbourne Grand National Hurdle, and won a 25,000 to 500 bet on the course when his horse won by five lengths. The 50-1 was on offer at the time of the bidding.

'VARSITY CRICKET NETS UP

By "Incog"

University cricketers evidently believe in the old axiom that the "early bird catches the worm," for while other cricket clubs have not so much as thought of practice, they have had a few nets already, and have fixed Tuesdays and Thursdays as official days for practice at Pokfulam.

In conversation with S. Mahmoud, Hon. Secretary of University Cricket Club I learned that all the old reliables will be available this season, but though no definite news has yet been received regarding the arrival of fresh blood, indications are that some very useful cricketers will be going up this term from Malaya.

Rumjahn's Coaching

After a slump that lasted not a few seasons, University cricket took a definite turn for the better last season, and this was attributed by the undergraduates to the many evenings that A. H. Rumjahn, former University captain and Indian R. C. 1st XI batsman spent on the Pokfulam ground, showing the University men the finer points of the game.

Mahmoud says that they will be holding their annual meeting meeting shortly, but even before that comes off they were be inviting Rumjahn to act as coach to the team once again.

Many Players Away

In the meantime the attendance on practice days has not been exceptionally large due to the fact that a good many cricketers are at present away from the Colony for the Summer vacation, but they are all expected back soon, and cricket at Pokfulam should be in full swing by the end of the month.

The Sunday morning cricket matches that featured University cricket in the past have received a setback in that those of the cricketers remaining in the Colony for the holidays have had their time claimed by other activities.

"We hope to start our programme of matches for 1941-42 early next month," said Mahmoud, who added that already a few provisional fixtures have been arranged, these to be confirmed as soon as arrangements can be made for the use of the ground, the Tennis Club having prior claim during the Summer season.

Mohammedan Sporting Club qualified for the Semi-final of the Indian Football Association Shield tournament by beating Calcutta Football Club by 4 goals to 1 on Sunday.—Reuter.

INDIAN SOLDIERS ROLLER-SKATING

The latest craze to hockey on roller skates are some of the Indian troops stationed at Lyemyn, and a few of them will be playing in the League shortly.

BOMBER COMMAND BOXING

Boxing, always popular in the R.A.F., is being stimulated still more by the visit which Pilot Officer Len Harvey, British and Empire heavyweight champion, is paying to Air Force stations.

Pilot Officer Harvey, with muscles bulging through his tunic, is a physical fitness officer in the R.A.F.V.R. One of his most successful exhibition bouts was recently given in a hangar at one of the stations of the Bomber Command. He was the highlight of a long boxing programme in which airmen from many other stations took part. The spectators included the Air Officer Commanding the Group, many members of the W.A.A.F., who were given ringside seats, bomber crews and ground staff. All together there was a "gate" of about 1,200.

The hangar was cleared of aircraft and a ring set up in the middle, brightly lit by lamps swung from the high roof. With the massive steel doors closed the hangar made an ideal boxing theatre. W.A.A.F. members sold programmes until the fights began, then they rushed to the seats provided for them. And on the edge of the crowd stood bomber crews in their flying kit. They had to leave before the end of the show, to make last-minute preparations for a raid on Germany.

The Army cooperated by providing a demonstration of the "do's and don'ts" of boxing, an amusing and instructive item in which dirty fighting was exaggerated to point out the moral and explain the duties of a referee. It was the only occasion on which the spectators were allowed to use their voices during the fighting.

Officers and airmen were brought from other bomber stations by car and bus. One station sent its orchestra. One of the keenest spectators was Len Harvey who, both before and after his own bout, watched critically from the ringside the performance of the other boxers. Later he discussed the fights with the stations' physical training instructors.

As the unformed crowd left the hangar the bombers were taking off from the aerodrome.

Indications are that Corwin Clatt will further his education at University of Notre Dame. Corwin Clatt was East Peoria Community High's All-Illinois full-back. A 200-pound battering ram, he was beset by alumni and representatives of more than 30 colleges.

Owing to the fact that Volunteer duties etc. have made it impossible for Talkoo and Reclero to arrange a date for the completion of their Second Division Lawn Bowls League game which was abandoned, owing to rain, on August 2, it has been decided to leave it over till the end of the season.

A newly-fledged Officer of Royal Air Force is Pilot Officer C. F. Walters, better known as the Worcestershire captain for five years, and who led an England XI against Australia in the 1934 Test series. Walters, who has just completed a training course as an Administrative Officer, has now taken up his duties at R.A.F. Headquarters.

PRESTON WIN WAR CUP BY THE ODD GOAL IN 3

PRESTON WON THE CUP AT BLACKBURN WHILE THE ARSENAL PLAYERS WERE SHAKING HANDS WITH EACH OTHER, ON HAVING MADE A DRAW OF IT, WRITES L. V. MANNING.

In normal times I guess there would have been a pretty hectic inquest held at Highbury over the winning goal.

It was rather like a boxer being knocked out while stopping to scratch his left ear or turning round to wave his hand to a pal in the crowd.

The match went crazy all of a sudden in the second half, just when most of us were thinking how awkward it was going to be for a lot of people if another draw came up.

Joy's "Shot"

First sign of the match going gay was Bernard Joy, who has never before been out of his own penalty area, popping up a few yards from the enemy goal, and even taking a shot at it!

It wasn't much of a shot, or, perhaps, it was meant for a pass to somebody, but up came Gallimore, the Preston back, and for no known reason toe-ended the ball with great violence into the back of his own net.

Wide Open Spaces

The Arsenal were all in little groups trying to figure this out when the referee thoughtlessly restarted the game, and Bob Beattie and Dougal were mean enough to stroll through the wide open Arsenal spaces when nobody was looking.

It was all so easy that Beattie only half-hit his shot, which I

have no doubt was the reason the Arsenal goalkeeper messed up the save. Actually the ball bounced twice before going over the line, and Marks dived short of the first one.

Going Back

It all rather reminded me of a very good goal I once scored straight from the kick-off at Stamford Bridge against George Robey's XI, when the referee, Vivian Woodward, said, "Sorry, L.V., but we'll have to start again. I don't think the other fellows were ready."

As Beattie's other goal, scored in the 49th minute, was the sequel to a couple of muddled clearances it looking as if the Gibraltar defence was not so Gibraltar. But that isn't actually true.

When Drake Went West

The key incident was Drake going west with a crooked knee in a collision with Fairbrother after 25 minutes, which put him out of a match he was threatening to win solo.

After that, Arsenal's one hope was Denis Compton, who has never before touched such heights. But Arsenal persisted in giving the limping Drake all the best openings until Ted put a stop to this in the only possible way—by going off the field.

For this strategic error Arsenal deserved their fate. Preston never reproduced their Wembley form, but if pleasing customers is the hall-mark of a good final it was a good final.

Shouted Down

I heard one man say, "Play up, the Gunners," but the other 33,999 soon shouted him out of the business.

Incidentally, it will be a surprise to most people present to learn that the attendance has been officially returned as 34,000. Nearly everyone there would have guessed the maximum of 45,000 had been reached. Receipts were £5,000.

Full Marks, George

An interviewer asked George Allison prior to the first match, which was drawn, what his boys were training on, Arsenal, chief said, "Oysters and caviare."

Asked where they were getting it from, Mr. Allison said, "The sergeants' mess."

Which isn't too bad with eight of his team in the Services and another a policeman.

But if anybody asks whether the Food Minister is aware the Arsenal

FOOTBALL LEGISLATOR PASSES

Football, which has suffered some grievous losses since the war, will be poorer still by the death of Walter Tempest.

Mr. Tempest, who was 59 years of age, was Mayor of Blackburn and an alderman, but was best known for his connection with Blackburn Rovers and his services to Soccer generally.

After playing for two seasons with the Rovers he joined the board in 1924 and was chairman from 1933 to 1938.

He was a member of the Football League Management Committee, the Football Association Council, and the Lancashire F.A. Council.

Cup players trained on barrels of oysters and lashings of caviare, I shall burst into tears. It could happen.

Then And Now

When Preston won the Cup three years ago, 16 special trains and at least one pint bottle of beer left the old town Wembley bound.

This time the total rail arrangements were that the 8-43 stopped at Wembley. Then, the fare was 17s. 3d. This time it was £2 2s. 3d.

Only a few hundred made the journey, but when the teams took the field Preston had the same a c shout as Arsenal, largely because of the thousands of Lancashire men in the London area, either in uniform or in the workshops.

The Preston party of officials and such players as can make it leave by road this afternoon for that "secret destination" near Wembley without which no eve-of-the cup story would be complete. The old Shibboleths die hard. Both teams still think there is a lucky dressing-room!

The Old School Tie

All except one of the players at Wembley were paid the usual match fee of £1 10s. and bonus was four 15s. savings certificates for the winners and three for the losers.

The one who didn't collect is Bernard Joy, who, although like 13 others in the match is a professional soldier or rather airman, is an amateur footballer and could only be given a souvenir of the occasion—by special F.A. permit.

Rules are rules, even with a war on, but can anybody tell me the exact difference from a status point of view between savings certificates and a purchased souvenir?

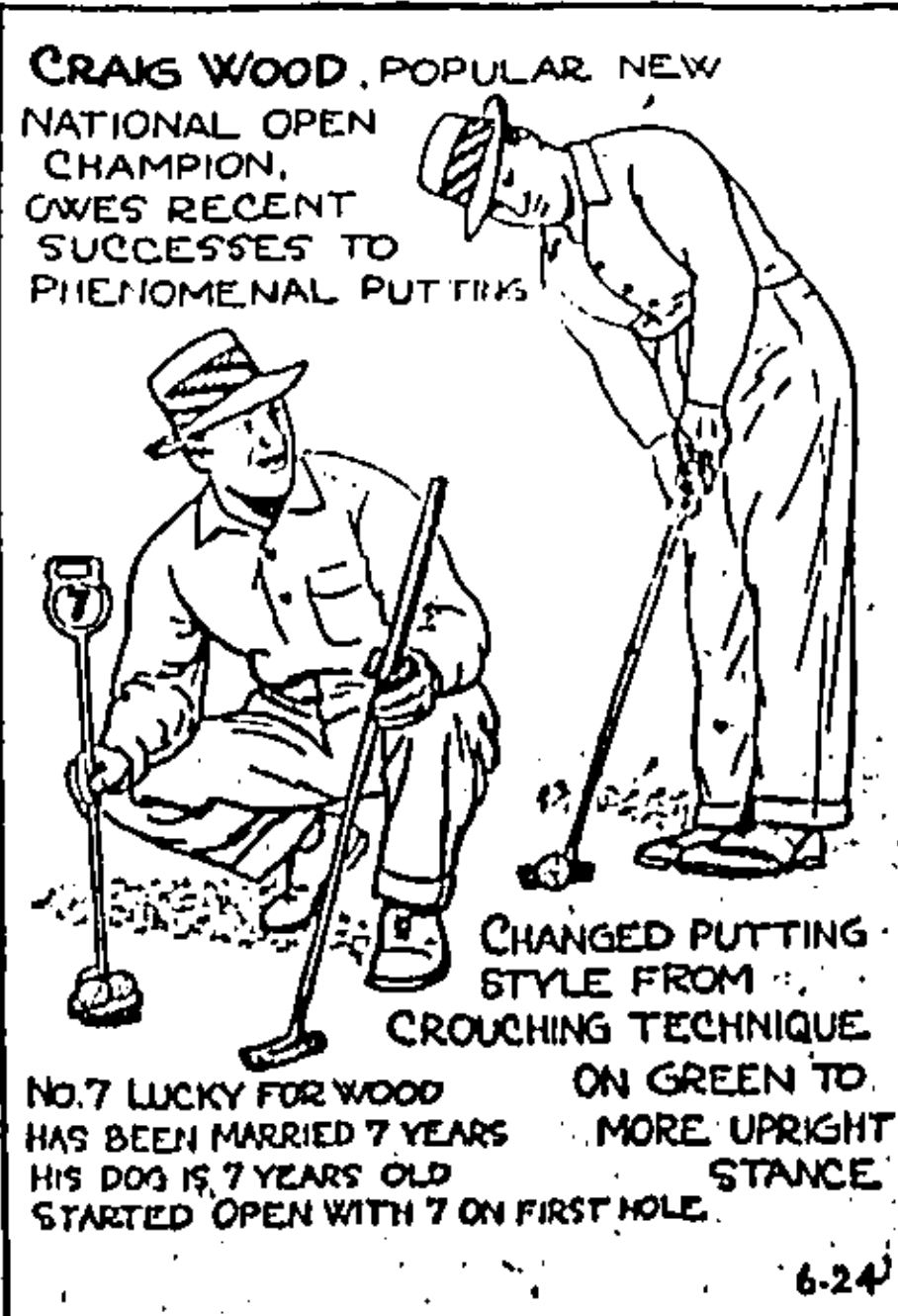
Easier Golf

CHANGED PUTTING STANCE

By Best Ball

When Craig Wood changed his putting style, he apparently also changed his luck, as far as major championships are concerned. For thirteen long years Wood had watched others win that most coveted of golf titles, the National Open Championship. This year, his fourteenth attempt for the crown, he struck the jackpot. Three strokes ahead of the field in both the National Open and the Masters' Open is sufficient proof that Wood's present position as top ranking pro is deserved. Powerfully built, around 200 pounds in weight, the present champion is one of the longer hitters, skilled at all shots from tee to green with the added ability of concentrating hard on each stroke.

For years Wood putted from a crouching stance over the ball, his left leg braced. He discovered that this bending over position tightened his muscles, prevented him from hitting the ball in a relaxed and comfortable position. The result was a stroke on the



jabbing side and a goodly share of missed putts. Recently Wood switched to an upright style reminiscent of the form employed by Bobby Jones when the Atlantan was winning championships. Wood, as illustrated here, now stands more upright and strokes the ball in a smooth, even method.

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RUSSIAN RAIDS ON BERLIN

DESPITE THE OFFICIAL GERMAN STATEMENT THAT RAIDING RUSSIAN BOMBERS WERE TURNED BACK BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ON SUNDAY NIGHT, THEY APPARENTLY REACHED SOME SUBURBS OF BERLIN, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM NEWS-PAPER, "AFTONBLADET."

The correspondent said that the noise of the raiders was apparently not heard in the centre of the capital but the people in the suburbs declared that the sound of Russian machines was clearly different from that of British planes.—Reuter.

Nazi 'Explanation'

Following "explanation" of Russian air raids on Berlin was given by a German military spokesman last night over the German wireless:

"The Soviet High Command knew it had no superiority in the air and that was why they were now carrying out propaganda flights in which they dropped bombs on Reich territory."

"Although only a small number of planes were sent, Soviet propaganda tried to magnify the results of these attacks which had no military value."—Reuter.

Large Fires

Many incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on military targets when Berlin was bombed by Soviet planes on Sunday night, according to the Moscow radio, quoted by London. Large fires were observed from the Soviet bombers, all but one of which returned safely. — Reuter.

Plenty Of Leave For Garrison

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

"THE SITUATION AT TOBRUK HAS ACHIEVED THE PARADOX OF AT ONCE BEING EXTREMELY LIVELY AND ENTIRELY STABLE," DECLARED AN ENGLISH CAPTAIN WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THERE WITH OTHERS OF TOBRUK'S GARRISON FOR A SPELL OF LEAVE.

"Our Axis pals seem slow in learning from our own mistakes, for they still persist in the Stuka dive-bombing which was very wasteful as regards bombs which rarely do anything but bury themselves in the sand."

"I have experienced hundreds of Stuka raids and their effect was really negligible, although the enemy seem to think our nerves are shaken by them."

The captain said that his leave ship was heavily bombed as they left Tobruk harbour, but was not hit.

The best reply to Axis propaganda that Tobruk is besieged is the presence in Cairo of troops on leave from Tobruk who had no difficulty in getting out, and anticipate returning to duty in Tobruk shortly with equal facility.

"Preferential Service"

Tobruk, in fact, is being serviced and maintained perhaps more copiously than other front-line positions because it was possible to send labour consignments at one time by sea as by land.

The troops here, with the brown toughened skin of Tobruk habitues, receive preferential service in the restaurants. As one proprietor said, "the gentlemen of Tobruk always come first in my establishment."

BRITISH LABOUR SHORTAGE

The total registered unemployed in Great Britain on July 13 was 113,662 men and boys and 105,915 girls and women; and of these 33,000 men and 3,000 women were classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment.

These figures show a decrease on the previous month of more than 24,000 unemployed.

In fact the labour market has now become so "tight" that even men approaching the age of 80 are finding a demand for their services.

So urgent are demands for labour in the London area that an increase in the available labour "pool" has had to be made by transferring labour from one industry to another through the medium of industrial registration.

As younger women are absorbed into war industries the older ones are taking their places in less vital jobs such as distribution even where this is possible only on a part-time basis. — Reuter.

JAPANESE BONDS ON DOWNWARD TREND

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was quietly steady. Far Eastern uncertainties influenced the markets early, but the firmness of the undertone again became apparent towards the close.

Breweries and South American rails continued to advance on further buying, while Japanese bonds were on the downward trend, but elsewhere movements were generally trifling with gilt-edged securities and Kaffirs a shade lower, but oils and industrials were well held.—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

AN ATTACK ON A EUROPEAN, DOUGLAS GIFFORD, WAS MADE BY THREE CHINESE ARMED WITH HAMMERS AT THE JUNCTION OF TAIPO ROAD AND MAPLE STREET YESTERDAY EVENING.

Gifford, who resides at No. 206, Sai Yeung Choi Street, has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

He was walking along the road when the men suddenly attacked him. One man has been detained before it started. — Reuter.

A Vichy message states that General Weygand did not attend yesterday afternoon's Cabinet meeting. He left for Algiers before it started. — Reuter.

A Soviet communique announces that fighting in the directions of Smolensk, Balaya, Tserkov and Uman, and also in the Estonian sector of the front, is going on.—Reuter.

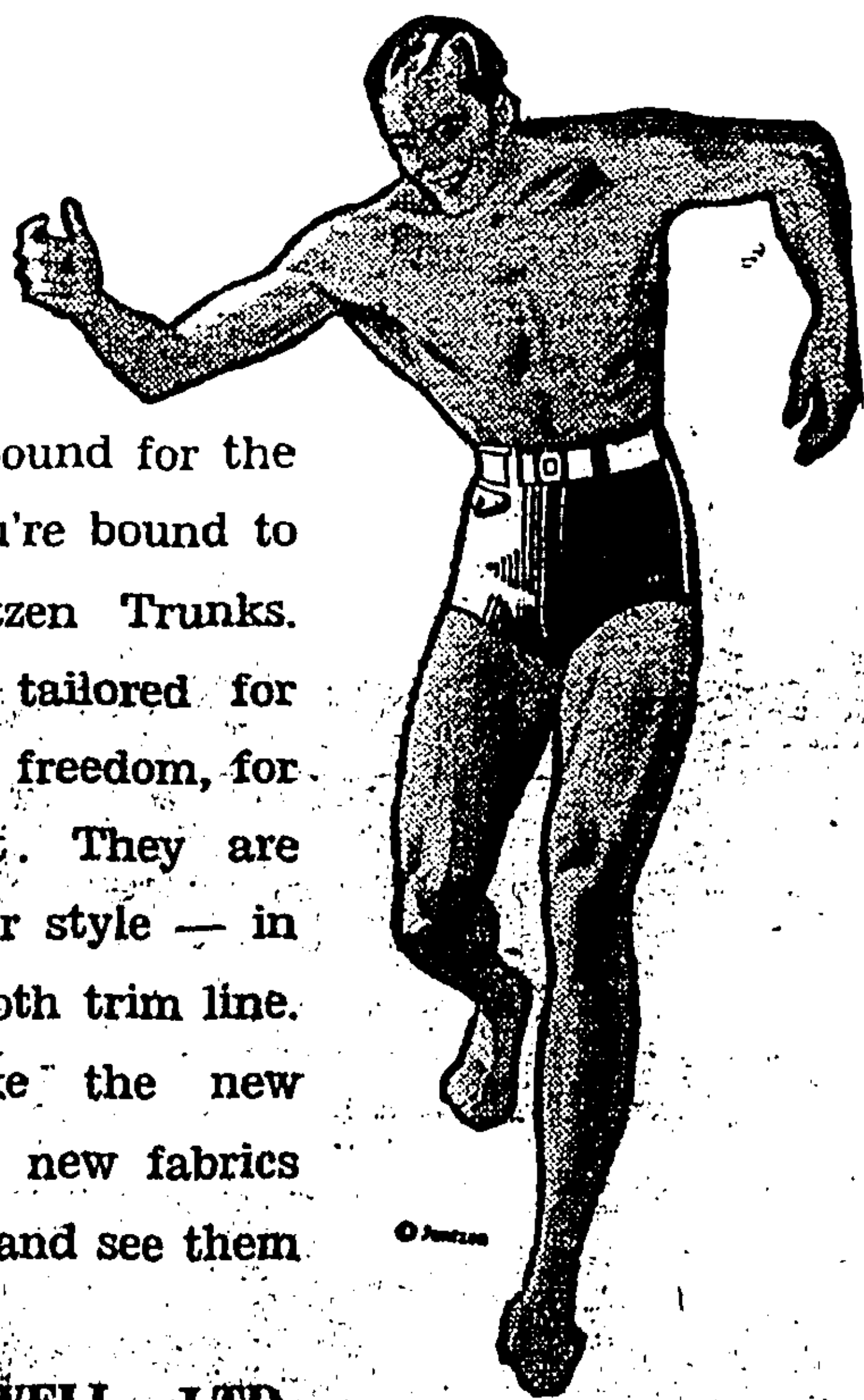
General Weygand, who has been having talks with Admiral Darlan and Marshal Petain in Vichy left for Algiers yesterday afternoon, according to Lyons Radio.

During the afternoon, he attended the Cabinet Council meeting, with Marshal Petain presiding, "at which a report on the prospect of this season's harvest and the position regarding meat supplies was made by the Minister of Agriculture."

"The rest of the meeting," said the Radio announcement, "was devoted to current matters." — Reuter.

Later. An ultimatum by the Yellow Taxicab Company to drivers on strike to return to work within 24 hours expires at 12 noon today.

The Company reveals that some 30-non-Association drivers are standing by to operate the company's fleet of taxis, should the men fail to resume work today.



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Bid To Stabilise Dollar

Mr. Wang Shih-chieh, Publicity Minister in Chungking, in a press conference yesterday, stated that the Government was determined to stabilise the Chinese dollar in the Shanghai market.

He expressed the opinion that to stabilise Chinese currency, the Stabilisation Board will be able to carry out the Government's decisions, and added that the necessary funds for that purpose had already been handed over to the Board.

Referring to the freezing by Britain and the United States, Mr. Wang revealed that four of the Chinese Government banks had received licences from Britain and the United States to supply foreign exchange in Chinese form to merchants handling legitimate trade.—Reuter.

Negotiations In Progress

Government is negotiating with the British and United States authorities, designating the Central Bank of China to handle overseas Chinese remittances and to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Japanese and Chinese "puppets."

Government has decided to enlarge the Foreign Exchange Committee under the Ministry for Finance which is empowered to handle all issues connected with the freezing. Decisions of the Committee will be executed through the Central Bank of China.

Thai's Position

After denying the report that 20,000 Chinese troops have been sent to the Shan States (Burma), the Minister declared that Thailand's attitude appeared to have firmed, probably as a result of the statements by the British Foreign Secretary and the United States Secretary of State, but he believed that the situation was still uncertain unless Britain and the United States give more adequate support to Thailand than economic measures. If they hope to check Japanese aggression and strengthen resistance on the part of Thailand.

The Young Marshal

Questioned concerning Marshal Chang Hsueh-ling, popularly known as the "Young Marshal," Mr. Wang Shih-chieh said that though his sentence was commuted, the court-martial ordered the Marshal to be placed under strict surveillance of the National Military Council for five years, adding that the Marshal had been already under surveillance for more than four years.

Replying to another question, Mr. Wang stated that no major clashes between the Communist and Central troops had been reported in the past fortnight.—Reuter.

Factor Of Human Endurance

IMPORTANT MOVES IN TOKYO EXPECTED

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, called at the Foreign Office in Tokyo yesterday afternoon.

With both Sir Robert Craigie and the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, in Tokyo, important developments are expected very shortly.—Reuter.

U.S. NEAR TO BREAK WITH VICHY

American relations with Vichy are rapidly approaching a climax and a break in the very near future would be hardly surprising, according to well-informed circles in Washington.

The relations between the two governments have been hanging by little more than a thread for some time and have probably been maintained by Washington chiefly to provide the administration with an important European listening post and also in the hope that American influence would to some extent offset German pressure on Vichy.

However, information indicating increasing subservience of Vichy to Berlin continues to hand — the latest report being that the French have agreed to send French troops in Indo-China to the borders of the Yunnan and Kwangsi provinces to protect the Japanese flank in northern Indo-China against the Chinese.

Strong Feelings

It is reported in Washington that this is being done by Vichy at German insistence. Additional indications of an approaching diplomatic break are the strong feelings among some high and influential officials in Washington that the only realistic attitude in the Nazi threatened world is that "those who are not for us are against us."

THE LATEST RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE STILL PRESSING VERY STRONG ALL ALONG THE RUSSIAN FRONT, ESPECIALLY AT SOLTSI, SOUTH-WEST OF LENINGRAD, AND IN SOUTH UKRAINE, SAYS "ANNALIST," IN A COMMENT ON THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

German troops, which have encountered almost inflexible resistance at Korosten and Byelaya-Tsherkov, are spreading further south in the hope of finding a weak spot and with a view to threatening Odessa.

They do not seem to be getting too much support from the Rumanians who are on their extreme right wing and much closer to Odessa.

The dents in the Russian line may be part of Marshal Budenny's elastic defence. But the Germans have avoided making any specific claim of territorial conquest and confine themselves to the usual indefinite claim that "pursuit of the retreating foe is making rapid progress everywhere."

Hitler's Strategy

"Hitler has never concealed the fact that the secret of his strategy is attack and again attack, never leaving the enemy any respite or time to recover their second wind, but pressing over onward regardless of loss until success is achieved."

This policy has been pursued without variation in Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece and Crete. It is a variation of Napoleon's famous "de l'audace et toujours de l'audace."

It failed, however, in the Battle of Britain which began just one year ago and continued without let or pause for six weeks when at last the Luftwaffe gave up the struggle after trying its utmost to break down British resistance. In Russia, it is coming up against the same indomitable spirit.

How Long ?

After seven weeks of fighting, continuous relentless German pressure has forced back the Russian defence line along the whole of the 2,000 mile front, but nowhere can the Germans claim a major victory and nowhere has

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The French actions scarcely argue Vichy leanings towards the Democratic cause.

Moreover, the supine way in which the French have handed Indo-China to the Japanese as a gift has evoked considerable disgust in Washington, especially after the French insistence that honour in Syria could only be saved by fighting the British.—Reuter.

STRANGE NEW 'PLANE

The famous aviator, James Mollison, now employed in the Air Transport Auxiliary, has just returned to England after a remarkable flight to French Equatorial Africa.

He had ferried a "Cunliffe Owen Flying Wing," a new unorthodox type of civil aircraft to the Free French forces in Chad.

This aircraft is designed to carry freight and passengers in the centre section of the wings instead of in the fuselage.

The "Flying Wing" has no fuselage in the normal sense of the word: the tail controls are connected to the centre wing by two booms.

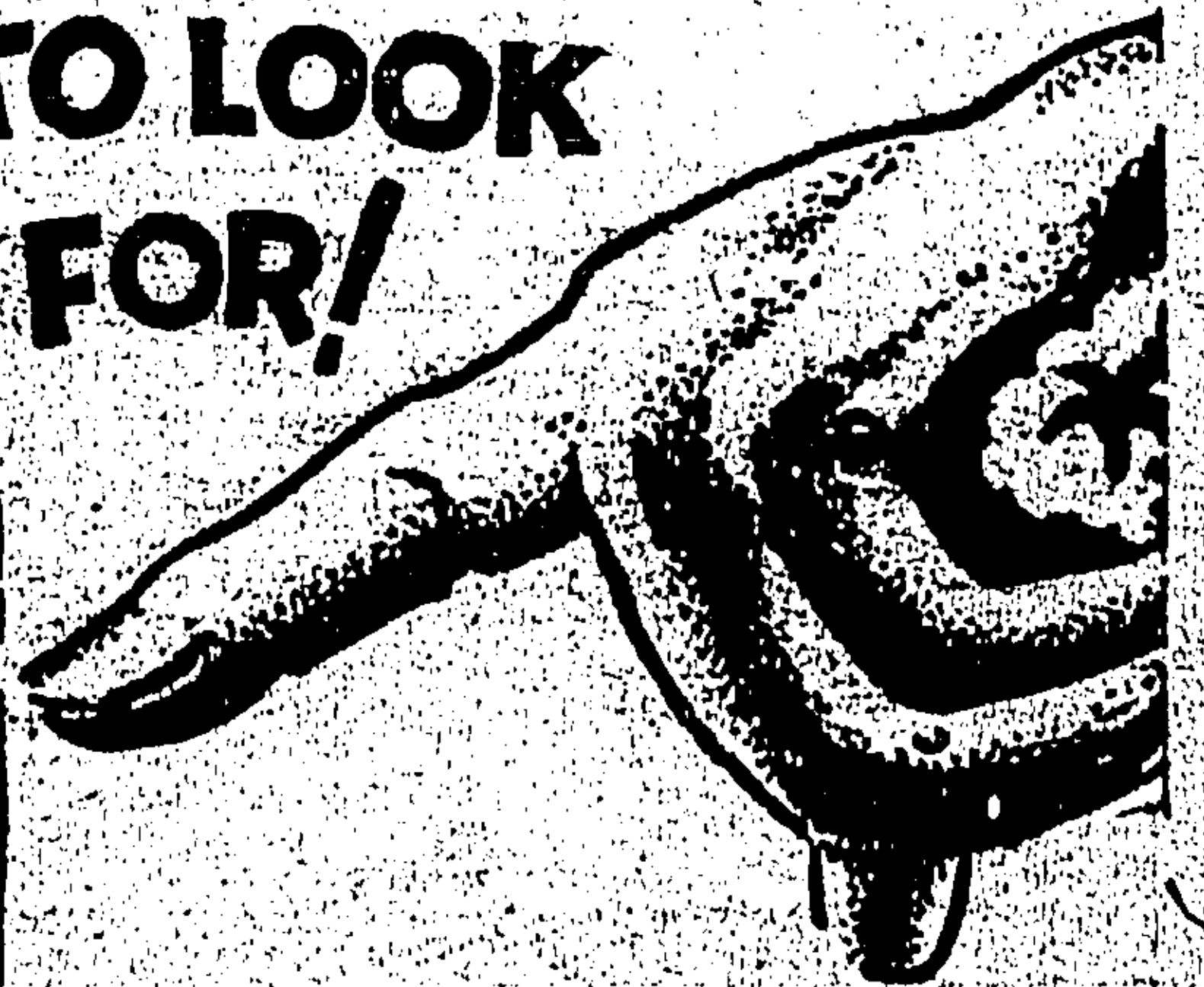
The great feature of this structure is that it enables a greater load to be carried with less engine power than in other aircraft. It is fully expected that after the war this new design of aircraft will have a revolutionising effect on civil aviation.—British Wire-less.

A.R.P. IN SAIGON

The Municipal Authorities in Saigon are taking steps to repair and extend the present air raid shelter facilities.—Reuter.

with the spirit of the joint defence of Indo-China as concluded between Japan and France.—Reuter.

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HIGH TENSION IN FRANCE

All-Day Conferences Of Leaders



A team of Auxiliary Territorial Service riders competed in an inter-services motor cycle team trial in the North of England. The trial was organized by the Home Guard and riders from the Army, Home Guard, and A.R.P. also took part. Private Hampson of the A.T.S. was experiencing her first trial ride. Here she is taking water splash.

PREVARICATION AND DISTORTION BY VICHY

THE THREAT TO DAKAR occupied a prominent place in London press comment yesterday.

"The Times," in a leader, said "there seems no limits to the prevarication and distortion of facts to which Vichy is willing to descend in pursuit of a policy of collaboration with Hitlerite Germany."

"A thick veil is held over what is going on in French North and Northwest Africa, but Great Britain and the United States must be prepared at any time to find themselves confronted with German infiltration on the Syrian model, involving the use of Dakar and other bases against British and American shipping in the South Atlantic."

"The hasty exit of the Germans and Italians as soon as the Allied forces crossed the Syrian border was made the basis for disingenuous protests by Vichy who, calmly ignoring all that had happened previously, argued that since the Germans and Italians had already gone, there was no longer any reason for the British to do anything about it."

"The same disingenuous attitude stamps their reply to the American demand for clarification of their attitude for the defence of their Empire."

Vichy Reply

Mr. Sumner Welles expressed doubts of their determination to defend points which possession of or use by the Axis powers would threaten American interests, and

pointed out that not only had Vichy consented to the Japanese seizure of bases in French Indo-China, but also offered no resistance when the German and Italian forces used the facilities in Syria to operate against the British.

"Vichy, replying, said there was nothing of complacency with which they tolerated Axis encroachment, but plumed themselves with the determination with which they resisted the British invasion. This they describe as aggression, glossing over the Japanese action in Indo-China as in no way detracting from French rights."

Words Without Meaning

"To a people capable of arguing in this way, words cease to

German Demands For Military Bases In Africa

THE POLITICAL TENSION IN VICHY REMAINS HIGH, SAYS THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH," WHICH REPORTS THAT DAY-LONG AND CONSTANT CONFERENCES ARE GOING ON BETWEEN MARSHAL PETAIN, ADMIRAL DARLAN, GENERALS WEYGAND AND HUNTZIGER.

It is generally thought that yesterday's meeting would be forced to decide, one way or the other, on the German "suggestions."

E. B. Wareing, writing in the "Daily Telegraph," says that what is actually on the Cabinet's agenda is the demand for "facilities" at Dakar, Algiers, Casablanca and Bizerta.

The references to "shortening the German lines of communication," says Wareing, must be read in connection with the fact that Bizerta is only about 130 miles from the Italian port of Trapani, whereas the route now used for reinforcing the German and Italian armies in Libya — from Catania to Tripoli — is more than twice that distance.

The top of Bizerta is also less accessible to British bombers than Tripoli.

To cede rights of any kind in Bizerta, says Wareing, would mean opening Tunisia to the Germans, and in effect extending the field of action of Rommel's troops from Libya into French North Africa.

"The moment has now almost arrived when Vichy has to decide once and for all between friendship with the United States and that of Germany," adds Wareing.

Bizerta Issue

Arguing that Bizerta is the most likely point on which Vichy would yield, because of the more direct American interest in the preservation of French sovereignty over the Atlantic ports, Wareing asserts that from quarters close to President Roosevelt a hint had already been given that the United States might find it essential to prevent Germany from using Dakar.

The cession of Casablanca would also imply a degree of Franco-German collaboration which might cause the United States to withdraw recognition of Vichy, and confer it on the Free French administration.

Dentz Incident

Vichy announced the dispatch of a protest to Great Britain against the internment of General Dentz and other officers, but no such Note had been received in London up to Saturday.

The Dentz incident is only a minor aspect of the renewed crisis which descended on Vichy and made it necessary to recall General Weygand from North

have any meaning. Whether they are really deceiving themselves does not matter very greatly. What is important is that Great Britain and the United States should not allow themselves to be deceived or confused.

"Vichy is not France, and does not represent the French nation, but as long as it controls a great part of the French Empire and the French fleet, we must be prepared for any betrayal."

The "Daily Express," in a leading article, asks what will the United States do over the threat to Dakar, adding that "President Roosevelt may decide to wait for the point to develop. If he does he will bear in mind the lesson that Britain learned from Norway 18 months ago. According to tradition we waited for Germany to strike first, but Germany invaded in such wholesale fashion that she could not be dislodged or even seriously attacked." — Reuter.

Africa, and Germany was determined to force Weygand to show his hand and offer "collaboration" in Africa.

The Vichy Cabinet will on Monday, concludes Wareing, really be once again discussing who will win the war. Admiral Darlan is convinced the Germans are bound to do so, but Huntziger is believed to hold the opposite opinion. Marshal Petain is undecided and General Weygand's views are probably much the same as Huntziger's.

"Complete Calm"

Discussions between the Vichy Ministers which have followed closely upon each other since Saturday were continued yesterday morning stated the Vichy News Agency last night.

They included an interview yesterday between General Huntziger, Minister for War, and General Weygand, Marshal Petain's Delegate-General in North Africa.

Other ministerial talks were going on at the same time.

The Vichy News Agency stated: "These discussions have given the impression of a wide-scale consultation, of which the Cabinet Council meeting expected this afternoon would appear to be the crowning point. They have been conducted in an atmosphere of complete calm presaging no crisis. No sign of nervousness has been perceptible."

In support of this, the Agency mentions the attendance of Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan and other Ministers at theatrical and operatic performances.

No Statements

Well-informed circles were reported yesterday as stating the view that any announcement of an important decision concerning foreign policy in the immediate future is out of the question.

The Agency also stated: "Contrary to certain allusions in the Paris Press, there would appear to have been no personal questions involved, the talks being directed to effective understanding between all members of the Government who gave their views on the many problems approached." — Reuter.

"Current Matters"

General Weygand, who has been having talks with Admiral Darlan and Marshal Petain in Vichy, left for Algiers yesterday afternoon, according to Lyons Radio.

During the afternoon, he attended the Cabinet Council meeting, with Marshal Petain presiding, at which a report on the prospect of this season's harvest and the position regarding meat supplies was made by the Minis-

THAILAND DELEGATION IN SAIGON

The Thailand delegation to the Boundary Commission arrived yesterday in Saigon from Bangkok.

It is understood that meetings will begin very soon and "are likely to include economic discussions." — Reuter.

PIPELINE ACROSS AMERICA

A joint plan for the construction of 1,820 miles of oil pipeline system has been submitted to Mr. Harold Ickes, Petroleum Defence Administrator, by 11 large oil companies yesterday in New York.

The system would be capable of delivering a quarter million barrels of oil daily into the New York area from the south-west.

The plans call for an immediate start and completion within nine months, and the formal agreement would become effective as soon as Mr. Ickes approves the plan and the President proclaims the line necessary for national defence.

A proclamation to this effect from the President would clear the way for the creation of a jointly-owned \$80,000,000 "National Defence Pipeline Inc.," the financing of which is being arranged through private placement of five-year notes.

Field surveying by aerial photography is already under way, and this will ensure the start of the initial project with the minimum of delay. — Reuter.

ter of Agriculture. "The rest of the meeting," said the Radio announcement, "was devoted to current matters."

Not Present

A Vichy message states that General Weygand did not attend yesterday afternoon's Cabinet meeting. He left for Algiers before it started. — Reuter.

CONGRESS WARNED

Importance Of Army Extension

DANGER TO FOREIGN POLICY

IF CONGRESS failed to extend the service of the army rank and file it would have an "exceedingly bad" psychological effect on the international situation, declared the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Hull authorised the direct quotation of the words "exceedingly bad" in order to emphasise them. He declined to discuss specific details of the Army Extension Legislation, but said he was considering the general effect of failure to pass some extension would have on American foreign relations.

Replying to a question whether the present dangers to the United States warranted some extension, Mr. Cordell Hull said that reading the newspaper headlines should emphasise that the dangers do exist.

When told that some members of Congress appeared fully unaware of these dangers, Mr. Hull replied that that seemed to be the matter.

He recalled that he had made numerous statements over a period of years warning the people regarding the objectives of certain nations in the direction of unlimited conquest by force.

No Offer To Japan

Mr. Hull declared as baseless the report that the United States had offered a plan of settlement, involving certain concessions to Japan, if the Japanese would withdraw from the Axis.

Mr. Hull said the settlement of American-Japanese differences must include all fundamental questions involved in the present conflict of policies, and added that if the United States took up anything with Japan regarding a general settlement, it would be based on all fundamental principles which the United States had enunciated during the past few years.—Reuter.

POLISH MISSION TO RUSSIA

AS A PRELIMINARY TO THE FORMATION IN RUSSIA OF A POLISH ARMY EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST AMERICAN MATERIAL, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED A MILITARY MISSION, HEADED BY GENERAL SZYSZKO-BOHUSZ, WHO IS EMPOWERED TO CONCLUDE A POLISH-SOVIET MILITARY AGREEMENT.

General Sikorski, Polish Premier, disclosed this at a Polish military rally in Scotland yesterday when he declared that the Polish-Soviet agreement has brushed aside all sentimental considerations.

The Polish nation took a decidedly anti-German stand in September 1939 in a life and death fight, and it will follow this road to the end.

"This attitude is dictated not only by our own interests, but also by the united British camp of liberty and freedom," Reuter.

HOW AXIS PLAN WAS FOILED

How the heroic Yugoslav decision to resist the Germans on March 27 helped to thwart Axis plans to seize the Middle East and Russian oilfields in the Spring, 1941, was described in a broadcast from London by General Simovich, Yugoslav Prime Minister and C-in-C.

In March, the main German army of S. E. Europe was in S. R. Bulgaria ready to move into Greek Thrace and then eastward to turn the flank of the Turk defence.

Everything seemed favourable. Russia was on friendly terms, Syria in Vichy hands with Axis agents preparing to get possession of strategic points, the Iraqi rebellion was timed to begin simultaneously—April 3rd—on which date it actually started.

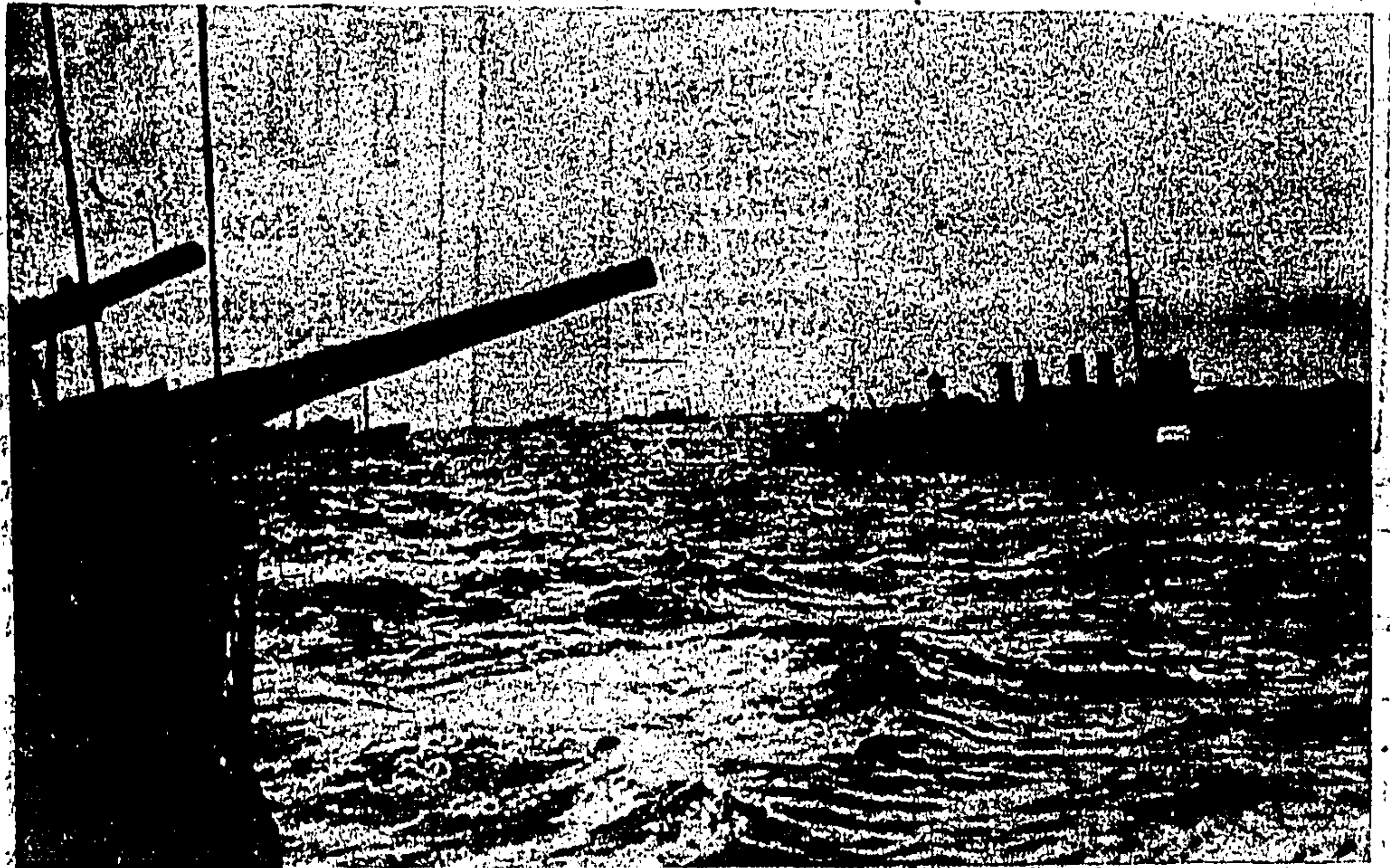
Airborne troops were to be landed in Syria so that Turkey would have been cut off from British supplies and hindered in making effective resistance.

The German armies were to sweep along North Anatolia and across the Black Sea from Rumanian and Bulgarian ports and would be knocking at the doors of the oilfields of Batum and Baku, almost before the U.S.S.R. were aware of the danger.

The operation was planned to begin between March 15 and April 1 and to be completed in six to eight weeks. A few days before it could start, the Belgrade revolution placed on the German flank a hostile army, which had to be removed.

SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGNS IN YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE AND CRETE THOUGH SUCCESSFUL, KEPT THE GERMAN ARMIES OCCUPIED IN WHAT HAD BEEN MEANT TO BE A PRELIMINARY TASK UNTIL JUNE 1ST BY WHICH TIME THE BRITISH HAD QUELLED THE IRAQI RISING.

A week later, the Allies entered Syria and turned out the Axis advance guard. Thus, said General Simovich, apart from the moral blow which affected the prestige of the Nazis, Yugoslavia thereby saved Turkey and the Near East and made impossible the envelopment of Russia from the South and an attack on it from the rear over the Caucasus. Hitler was then forced to limit himself to a frontal attack in or-



A convoy, including tankers laden with oil, cargo ships laden with planes and food vessels, etc., has just reached Britain after having been escorted by destroyers across the North Atlantic. Among the escort vessels were two ex-American destroyers and a Free French light cruiser. The safe arrival of the convoy represents another quiet, unspectacular victory, typical of those being won every day in the Battle of the Atlantic. Photo shows:—Ex-American destroyers with the convoy. The 4.7 gun of one of them, and another destroyer on the right of the picture, watches over the convoy. (Copyright, Fox).

FLEET AIR ARM RAID IN SYRACUSE HARBOUR

BERLIN ON THE NEW PHASE

AN ATTACK BY THE Fleet Air Arm against a large merchant-ship at Syracuse in Sicily and activity by the Royal Air Force in North Africa are reported in a R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday. It states:—

"Cyrenaica: On Saturday night Blenheims of the R.A.F. attacked gun repair shops at Bardia, starting a number of large bright fires. Enemy landing grounds at Gazala were also bombed and machine-gunned. Yesterday, Maryland bombers of the South African Air Force carried out attacks on enemy positions, motor-vehicles and personnel in the neighbourhood of Bardia.

"Tripolitania: On Saturday R.A.F. bombers demolished barracks and a block-house south of Misurata and also attacked enemy motor transport vehicles and petrol-trailers in the same neighbourhood.

"All trailers were holed by machine-gun bullets and several lorries were overturned and destroyed. The formation then attacked two large ammunition and supply dumps at Buerat. The ammunition exploded and the personnel standing by were killed or wounded.

"Sicily: Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a torpedo attack on a large merchant vessel at Syracuse on Saturday. A quantity of bombs were also dropped at Augusta, one making a direct hit on a gasometer. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

SINKING SITUATION EASIER

According to a message from Peshawar, there has been a considerable improvement in the attitude of the Sinkiang Government towards British subjects following the Russo-German war, states reports received in Peshawar from Kashgar. British and Afghan subjects who were arranging to leave the country have, therefore, it is stated, decided to remain.—Reuter.

to reach the oil without which his panzer divisions and air fleets would become useless.—British Wireless.

TAXI STRIKE WARNING

The Yellow Taxicab Company was standstill yesterday when its entire staff of drivers struck work following rejection by the company of demands for the reinstatement of two dismissed employees.

This morning the strikers had still not returned to their posts.

The Company yesterday published notices ordering the men to return to work otherwise they would be automatically dismissed.

The Secretary of the Company told the "China Mail" this morning that the since the Taxicab Drivers' Association had ordered the men not to resume duty, the Company was contemplating engaging non-Association drivers.

An ultimatum by the Yellow Taxicab Company to drivers on strike to return to work within 24 hours expires at 12 noon to-day.

The Company reveals that some 30 non-Association drivers are standing by to operate the company's fleet of taxis should the men fail to resume work to-day.

CHANGE IN POLICY IN BERMUDA

His Majesty's Government have decided advise the king that, in present circumstances, it is preferable that the Governor of Bermuda should be a civilian.

In order to facilitate the

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper, "Dagbladet," well-informed Berlin circles declare that the new phase which is now opening on the Eastern Front will be decisive for while pressure on the Ukraine is constantly increasing there is no relaxation in the Central and Leningrad sectors.

Moscow and Leningrad are now seriously threatened, according to the Germans.

Berlin believes that the Russians have abandoned the idea of defending points between the Dniester and Dnieper and are now seeking to concentrate troops on the defence line on the east bank of the Dnieper.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Demokraten" says that a war correspondent with the panzer divisions gave a vivid account of the Russians' heroism and disregard of death—especially the Siberians.

The "Demokraten" correspondent added that apparently the Russians still have considerable air forces despite the losses which the Germans claimed they have inflicted.—Reuter.

FREEDOM OF PORTSMOUTH

The honorary freedom of Portsmouth is to be conferred on Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Harry Hopkins on the Prime Minister in recognition of his eminent services to the nation and Empire and the great interest taken by him in the welfare of Portsmouth and its citizens, and on Mr. Hopkins, in recognition of his eminent services to the nation and British Empire as personal representative in England of the President of the U.S.A. for administration of the provisions of the Lend-Lease Act.—British Wireless.

change, the present Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Denis Bernard has placed his resignation in the hands of His Majesty, who has accepted it.—British Wireless.

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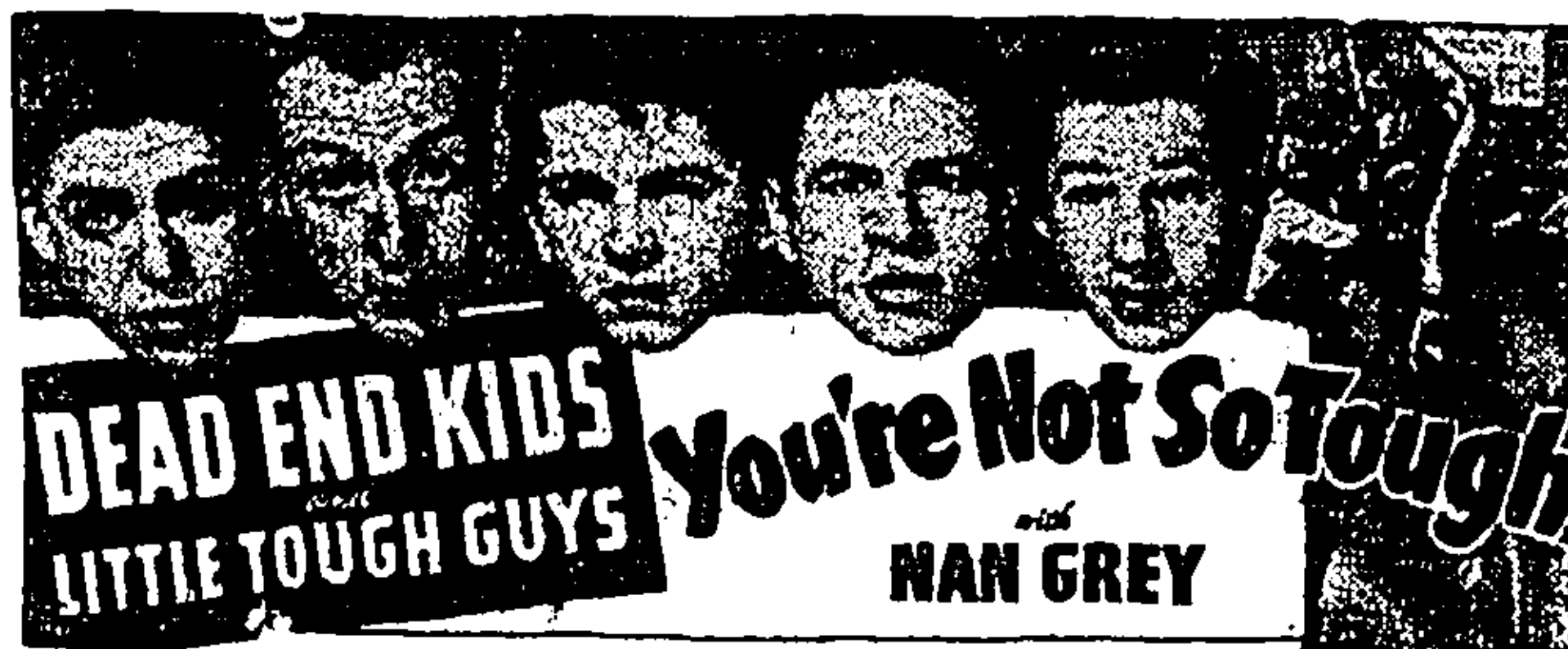
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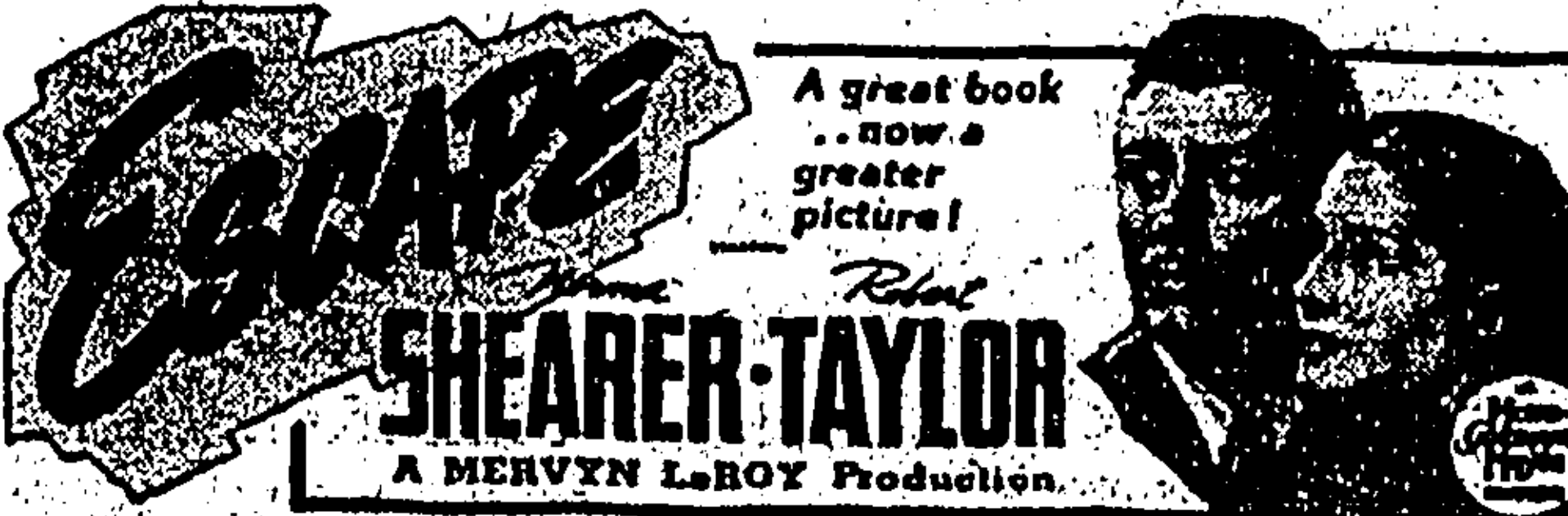
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IF SPARKS FLY, THE TINDERBOX IS LIKELY TO BE FOUND SOUTH

(By Reuter's Correspondent At Hsinking)

It cannot be said that there is any outstanding change in Russo-Japanese relations, at least as far as they can be seen from the confines of Manchuria.

In Hsinking, official utterances invariably re-echo Tokyo's sentiments, but the tension which followed Mr. Matsuoka's departure from the Cabinet a few weeks ago is now noticeably lessened.

Rumours emanating from Shanghai that new Russo-Japanese negotiations are taking place are emphatically denied by high Foreign Office officials interviewed here in Hsinking.

Other members of the Government, similarly interviewed, all emphasised that any precautionary activity which may be apparent in Manchuria was of a purely defensive nature.

The Russo-German fighting is arousing the greatest interest and each phase of the battle is closely followed in the Press which splashes on the front pages all available details.

Foreign Problems

The foreign communities, particularly the English and American, whose unenviable position cannot be denied are watching events closely. In these circles, however, it is felt in Hsinking that if sparks must fly, then it will be in the south rather than the north that the tinderbox will be found.

Britons in Manchuria, excluding the Kwantung Leased Territory, number 300, comprising 220 in the Mukden Consular district and 70 in the Harbin district. The majority of them are missionaries. There are about a quarter of this number of Americans.

For obvious reasons, Manchukuo's precautionary measures cannot be described, but it is permitted to state that they include travelling restrictions and also occasional air raid practices in various cities.

As regards the freezing of the assets of various countries, Manchukuo has followed Japan step by step. In this connection, the restrictions are said to have been eased recently and certain Manchukuo firms with part Anglo-American capital have been allowed to resume operations. — Reuter.

GERMAN AGENTS IN EIRE

According to the Dublin correspondent of the "Evening Standard," the Eire Government states that no complaints have been received from Britain about the activities of German agents in Eire.

It is stated that German officials are not able to communicate with Berlin by means of diplomatic bags; therefore messages are sent through the Irish cable station at Valentia to the United States to be relayed to Germany, he says.

The representatives in Eire of both the German and Italian Governments recently protested against their messages being relayed to Germany via England. It is believed that they have since been allowed to send messages to their Governments by radio through another channel.

The new method has not been disclosed, but it is stated that the Italians and Germans are not allowed to use radio transmission sets themselves, but must hand over their messages to the Eire authorities.

RAIDED ENEMY CONVOYS

Three airmen honoured for gallantry in attacks on convoys are Actg. Sqdn.-Ldr. Leslie V. E. Atkinson, who receives a bar to the D.F.C., and Sgts. E. A. R. Leavers and Ian Overheu, who are awarded the D.F.M. All three are members of No. 21 Squadron.

Actg. Sqdn.-Ldr. Atkinson led a formation in an attack on a large and strongly escorted enemy convoy last month. Despite intense A.A. fire he delivered his attack on the largest merchant vessel, scoring two direct hits on the stern. The formation, which had followed in to attack, completed a decisive action, in which three or four ships were set on fire and left sinking.

Sgts. Leavers and Overheu were the pilot and observer respectively in an aircraft which took part in an attack on an enemy convoy in April, when two direct hits were scored on a large ship, despite heavy A.A. fire.

A bar to the D.F.M. is awarded to a wireless operator, Sgt. C. F. Rawnsley, of the Auxiliary Air Force (No. 604 Squadron), who has assisted his pilot in the destruction of at least seven enemy aircraft.

A bar to his D.F.C. has been awarded to a Canadian, Actg. Sqdn.-Ldr. M. H. Brown, No. 1 Squadron, who has destroyed a further two enemy aircraft, bringing his total to at least 18. "His splendid leadership and dauntless spirit" are praised by the Air Ministry.

VITAL STORES DISPERSED

Government Departments need more than 14,000,000 square feet of additional storage space for munitions, equipment, food, raw materials and other essential goods.

To find it an Order has been made requiring information about all premises in Britain having a floor area of 3,000 square feet or more which have been used at any time in the last three years for storage.

An official stated that the object was to find accommodation not only for goods dispersed from vulnerable areas, but also for those now being produced in increasing volume at home in the Empire, and in the United States.

SECOND EAGLE SQUADRON FORMED

The second all-American Eagle squadron has been formed in the Royal Air Force, states the Air Ministry News Service, and has already had its first encounter with the enemy. As a result of this the squadron claims one Junkers 88 as "probably destroyed." — Reuter.

SLOOP'S FEAT

An Australian-built sloop, H.M.A.S. Parramatta, shot down three Nazi dive-bombers when repelling an intensive air attack in the Middle East recently.

Announcing this the Australian Minister for the Navy, Mr. Hughes, said that while the Parramatta and other ships had been engaged on escort duty, they had been attacked by from 80 to 40 German Junkers aircraft.

"Despite repeated and determined onslaughts by the dive-bombers, H.M.A.S. Parramatta emerged undamaged, and her anti-aircraft guns shot down three of the attackers," Mr. Hughes said.

The episode, he added, was further indication of the magnificent work being done by units of the Royal Australian Navy in the Middle East.

The Parramatta, a modern sloop, was built at Cockatoo Island Dockyard.

EX-CROWN PRINCE AS "KAISER"

The former Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany has assumed the title of Kaiser.

The "Daily Sketch" says: "That he should have done so, and more particularly the matter of course way in which he did it — during a funeral oration for his father — painfully surprised high Nazi circles, who thought they had 'Little Willy' well under their thumb."

A resuscitated Monarchist movement in the Army is the last thing Hitler wants at this critical moment in German-Soviet relations, when a new anti-Bolshevik drive might be more easily led by the Monarchists than by the Nazis.



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By BUD FISHER



MERCHANT SKIPPERS HIT BACK

Two recent successes by British merchant ships in bringing down attacking enemy aircraft were revealed to-day.

"The aircraft was in sight only three or four seconds before it attacked," said an officer of the first ship. "Bombs were dropped, the bridge was demolished and caught fire. As the aircraft flew off, we opened fire with defensive armament and hit it the first shot. It crashed into the sea and the last I saw was a wing tip sticking above water."

The captain of the second ship said: "When the aircraft was just on us I opened fire with a Lewis gun. We fired about fifty shots and I could hear them pinging on the sides of the machine. Soon the aeroplane caught fire and dropped to about twenty feet of the water, rose a little, dropped to ten feet then rose again and dropped to five feet. Three Spitfires went out after him. They circled round and then back as if

BROKERS BUY A BATTLESHIP

Eight million pounds have been raised to provide a British battleship by the Stock Exchange Savings Group in London.

An announcement to this effect was made yesterday and added that the whole sum was raised since July 1 this year.

Now the Group aims to raise by the end of September, sufficient money to pay for an aircraft carrier, a cruiser, a large destroyer, a submarine, a Corvette, a motor-torpedo boat, an anti-submarine boat, a bomber and a medium tank.—Reuter.

NO RAIDS ON BRITAIN

"Nothing to report," was the terse communique issued last evening in London by the Ministry of Home Security.—Reuter.

they had finished with the enemy. I heard next day that the German aircraft had been seen in the water." — British Wireless.

NORWEGIAN HOSPITAL HEROINES

Prince Olaf yesterday visited a hospital opened by the Norwegian Government about a year ago.

Staffed by Norwegian doctors and nurses, the hospital contains forty-five beds of which 41 are occupied.

Most of the patients are from the Norwegian merchant navy, but there are some men who were wounded in the Lofoten raid.

All the nine nurses on the staff have made their escape from Norway since the German occupation. Two of them had especially exciting adventures as the fighting boat in which they sailed had put back into port for repairs.

While these were being effected, a close watch was kept for Nazis but the boat was able to set forth again and arrived at the Shetlands, after a rough passage lasting about thirty hours. One of the doctors escaped to England dressed as a fisherman about three months ago. — British Wireless.

PRISONERS OF WAR

The Red Cross and St. John War Organisation announces that from latest figures at their disposal it would appear that about 2,000 British prisoners of war taken in Greece have been evacuated to German prison camps.

At the end of July, there were over 9,000 prisoners at Salonika and about 2,000 wounded officers and men in hospital in Athens.

There were over 3,000 still to be evacuated from Crete but it is possible that not all the latter were British.

The International Red Cross have despatched upwards of 24,000 food parcels from reserve stocks in Genoa to Greece, it being understood that a restricted rail service is in operation.—British Wireless.

GROWTH OF THE CANADIAN NAVY

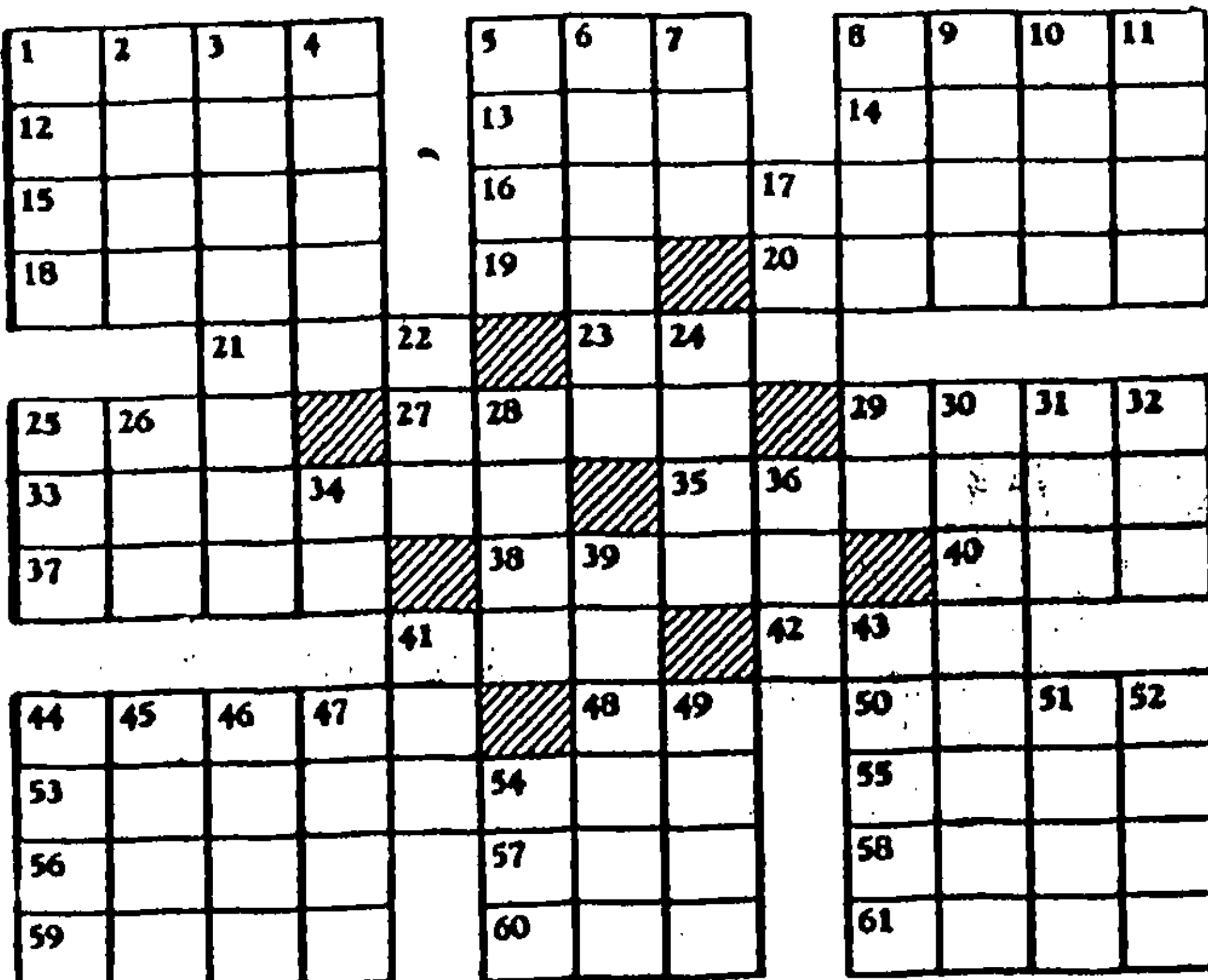
Satisfactory figures showing the growth of the Canadian Navy were revealed yesterday when the Canadian Minister for Naval Affairs stated that Canada, having started war with thirteen ships and 1,774 officers, and men, now had over 22,000 personnel and about 250 ships, including three armed merchant cruisers, thirteen destroyers, as well as many corvettes and mine sweepers. Mr. Angus MacDonald said the Canadian Navy provided half the destroyers which safely convoyed the Third Canadian Division which arrived in Britain recently.—British Wireless.

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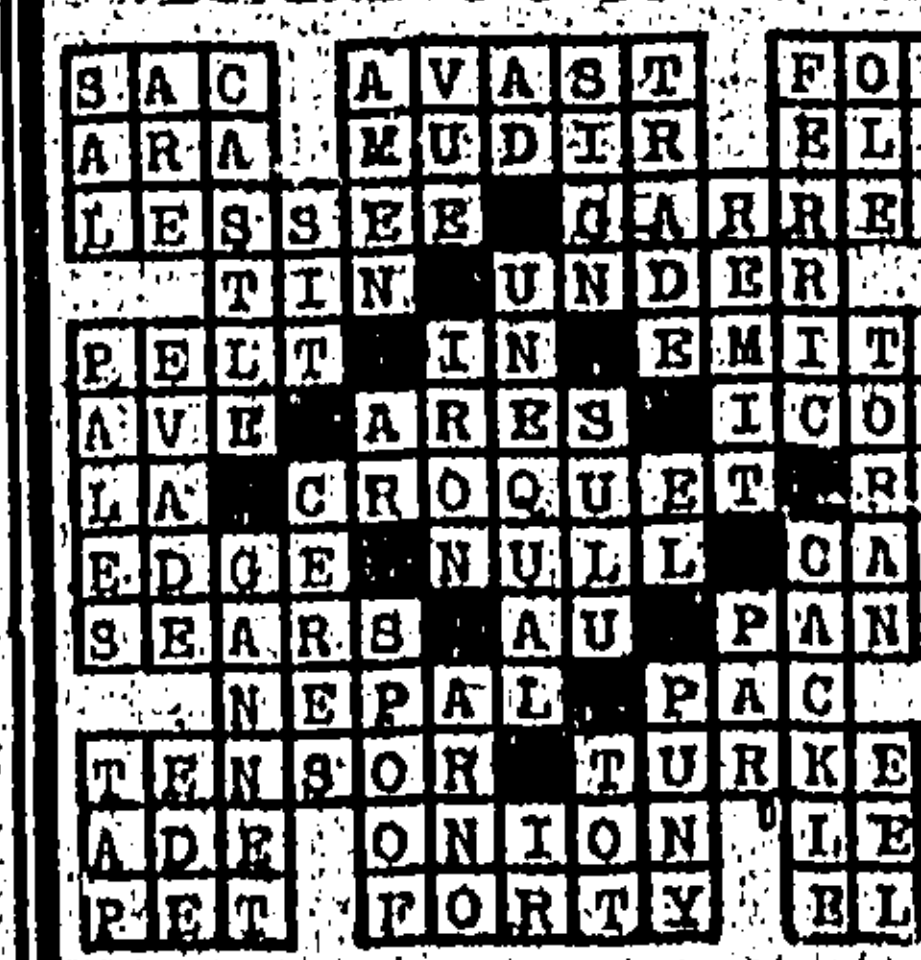
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- 1 To overcome
- 5 Ship's record
- 8 To grate
- 12 Heraldic bearing
- 13 Part of "to be"
- 14 Silkworm
- 15 Norse god
- 16 Criminal act
- 18 Back of the neck
- 19 Symbol for silver
- 20 To accumulate
- 21 Muso: as written
- 23 Devil
- 25 Indian mulberry
- 27 Pathway
- 29 Bones
- 33 Lavender
- 35 Chinese skirt
- 37 Scandinavian literary work
- 38 Precious stone
- 40 Girl's name
- 41 Finial
- 42 Small part
- 44 Turkish coin
- 48 Symbol for tantalum
- 50 City in Nevada

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- 2 Wagnerian goddess
- 3 Disorderly
- 4 Dogma
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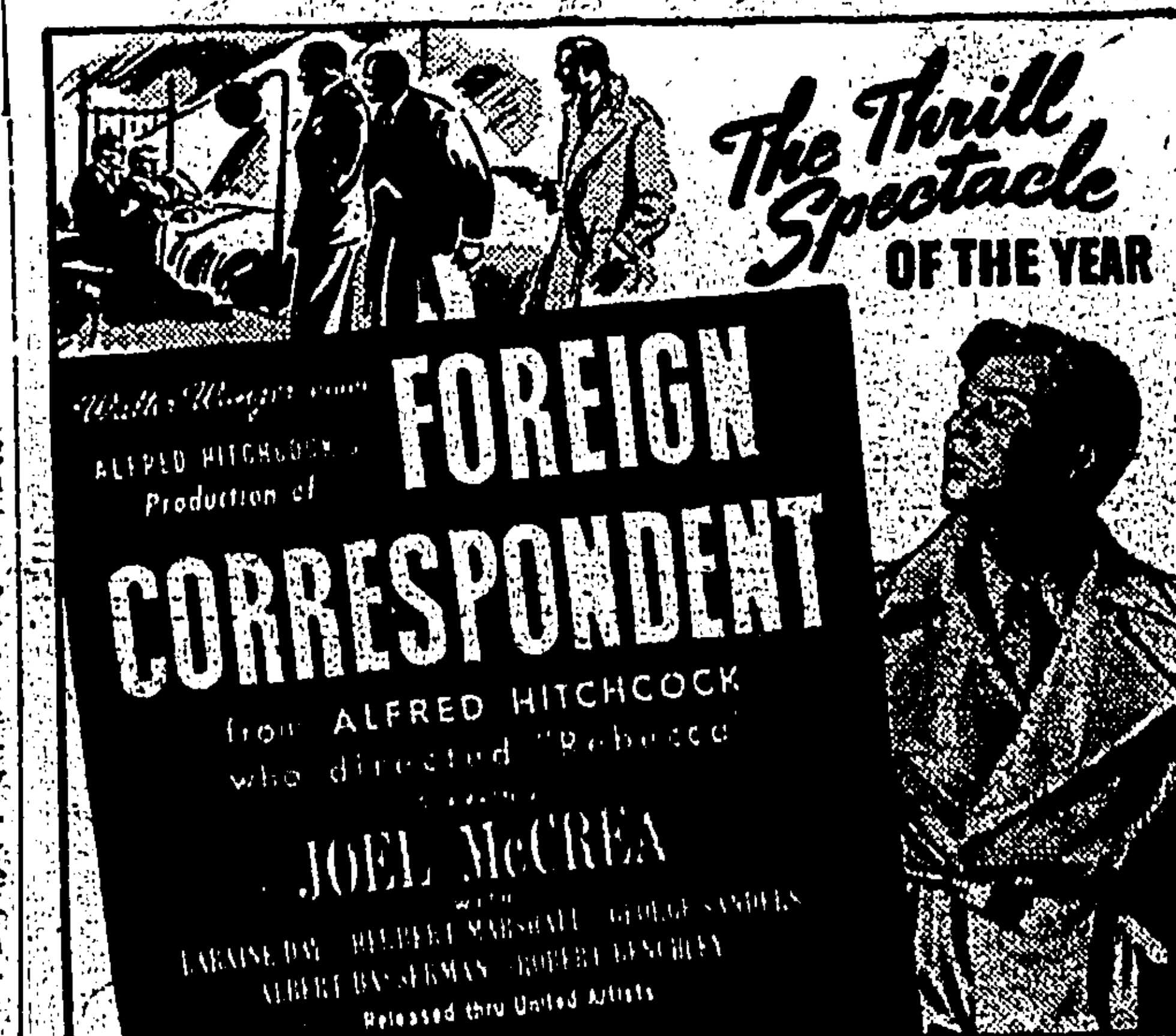
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RALLYING OF EUROPE UNDER THE "V"

(By Jame MacDonald)

BRITAIN'S NEWLY launched "V for Victory" war of nerves against Germany—formally declared at the zero hour of midnight,—proved a tremendous success on the German-occupied Continent in the first day of the propaganda offensive, according to London officials.

From all parts of the world reports streamed in to London telling of the appearance and sounding of the V everywhere.

In Britain and Continental Europe people were reported taking up the cry of V—for victory over Nazism—wherever word had been spread by radio and the word-of-mouth, underground communications in the Nazi-dominated countries.

Radio broadcasts from Britain were accompanied by drum rolls or muted instruments sounding the Morse code signal for V, three dots and one long sound. The opening notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, three short notes and a long one, were heard everywhere.

The letter V has become the totem for victory by Britain and her allies over Hitlerism.

Nazis Attempt Come-Back

In Berlin's attempted counter-offensive a German radio commentator was heard accusing Britain of stealing the V idea from the Nazis.

The stimulation to passive resistance or revolt by the peoples under the Nazi power was indicated, however, by a report reaching London that there had already been 6,200 "prosecutions" in Paris.

Other reports said that in Paris posters appeared on which most words of the lettering began with a large V. They were ordered taken down.

An 8 P. M. curfew was imposed in the French town of Niort because of a big tide of V's there.

The letter appeared in Bayonne, and V's were seen daubed in tar on the walls of the Hotel Imperator at Nimes. Other V's were reported to have appeared on the door of a Nazi headquarters near Rouen.

Another account received in London was that one French peasant chalked a V on his hand and, pressing against German soldiers as they passed in a throng, transferred it to their uniforms.

Victory Won

The unidentified British broadcaster who gives his name as "Colonel V. Britton," and who formally launched the campaign, made another broadcast.

"A victory has been won," he said. "Mobilization of the V army against Nazi Germany has been a complete success. Results have already surpassed all expectations, and the vast army, now stretches from one end of Europe to the other."

He remarked that the German letter "V" stood for "Verboten"—forbidden—and "Verkehr"—upside down—and "Verreche Hitler"—a dog's death to Hitler.

The V sign and sound, whether by printed or chalked letter, toot of railroad whistle by Morse code, by roll of drums or the first four notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, have already taken London and other parts of Britain by storm.

A "V for Victory" song was broadcast on the feature programme of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The V sign was seen almost everywhere in London. Most newspapers were printed with a veritable rash of V's.

New Greeting

One arranged its front-page headlines in V shape. Another displayed the letter in a box at the top of the right-hand side of its front page. Various news dispatches were splashed with V's.

At a big party at which stage stars gave an entertainment for newspaper men, the backdrops were decorated with the letter V.

A popular cartoonist amused the audience by drawing caricatures based on the V.

A new fashion in greeting friends has begun. It is to hold up the second and third fingers of the right hand spread apart in the form of the V.

The challenging V symbols of victory and liberty with the slogan "Nedane Se"—"We will not give in"—were scrawled on walls and fences throughout Czechoslovakia, and that accompanying acts of sabotage were increasing daily in this first non-German land to be occupied.

It was reported that the Dutch and Belgians had been impelled to especially bold manifestations.

The British believed Germany's effort to utilise the same symbol in a counter-offensive was admission of grave concern over the effects of the V drive.

Reich Heralds Own Campaign

Germany heralded her own "V for Viktoria" campaign the press depicting it as the symbol of a united Europe's support of the war against Russia.

The Voelkischer Beobachter, Nazi party organ, said in a front page editorial that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, after learning of the appearance of the V throughout Europe, claimed that it represented the hope for a British victory.

"V—symbol of German victory on all fronts," the Voelkischer Beobachter banner line said, with the subtitle "Viktoria is the symbol of desire for a new European order."

The Montag said in a front-page editorial:

"Two weeks ago propaganda for the letter V began. To-day, with slight employment of propaganda, it already has become the symbol of unity to all Germans and all people standing for Germany in the European territories around our frontier."

It claimed that only a couple of days ago the British "cried out that Germany had stolen the symbol from them."

The newspapers, two out of three giving the V campaign front-page space said the symbol had appeared most prominently in such territories as Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Slovakia, France and the strip of Poland between the erstwhile German and Russian occupied zones.

Lord Haw Haw

Lord Haw Haw, the English-speaking German radio propagandist, observed in a broadcast that the letter V also stood for "Venl, Vidi, vici," the Caesarian "I came, I saw, I conquered."

The German-controlled Krakauer Zeitung of Cracow was quoted as reporting that the V had spread in Poland.

The newspaper said V's have been seen much in Poland recently, being marked on automobiles, mailboxes and buildings.

"V stands for Viktoria, that is to say, 'victory'—the newspaper said. "We are convinced that following the mass onslaught of the Germans in the East it will become much more popular than formerly and will appear everywhere where Germany's victory on all fronts will be spokes of."

The usual German word of "victory" is "Sieg."

SWEDISH PRESS "FREEDOM"

The Swedish Lower House has approved of a Bill restricting the freedom of the Press, which, it is stated, "has become necessary owing to the international situation."

CHOLERA IN CRETE

Cairo reports state that a cholera epidemic has obliged the Germans to evacuate Crete almost entirely, also parts of Greece.

The death-roll is growing, and German hygiene experts are unable to combat the disease, which developed from polluted wells in the hills. Doctors are busily inoculating German and Italian soldiers.

HITLER PALE AND TIRED

In a message to the North American Newspaper Alliance, Mr. John Cudahy, former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, provides an interesting description of Hitler's appearance and manner gained when Mr. Cudahy was interviewing him.

It was the first interview given by Hitler to an American for twelve months.

"Above all, I was struck by the unhealthy pallor of his skin," Mr. Cudahy said. "He had the same look that prisoners have when the sun has been denied them over a long period of confinement."

"He looked dyspeptic and dog-tired, with swollen, puffed eyes, feeble and bright."

"Since the beginning of the war, the story goes, he has been getting less than four hours' rest nightly. He gave the impression that he was utterly fatigued, and that his nervous energy had been nearly spent from overstrain."

"His eyes were hard, unyielding, and fanatical. His facial lineaments were harsh, without one compromising note of sympathy or kindness."

"His voice was utterly lacking in any sympathetic timbre, and had the harsh frayed quality one associated with political orators at the close of a hard campaign."

"He laughed a harsh strident laugh, as disagreeable as rasping automobile gears. It was a humourless face, and a desperately hard one."

UNWANTED ELEPHANTS

A barn near Northampton houses two exiles from India threatened with death through no fault of their own.

They are elephants, whose owner, Ralph Marshall, joins the R.A.F. on June 25. He cannot sell them, and if he is unable to give them away they will be shot.

They are just ordinary elephants, with no special tricks to earn them music hall salaries. Marshall offered them to the Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. Bevin, for haulage, but the Labour Ministry is too busy with manpower to concern itself with elephant-power, and has not even replied to his letter.

Marshall suggested to the R.A.F. that the animals might accompany him as pets. He was told not to be impertinent, and was given a fortnight's grace in which to get rid of them. The elephants, Molly and Munneking, cost £5 a week for their keep.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

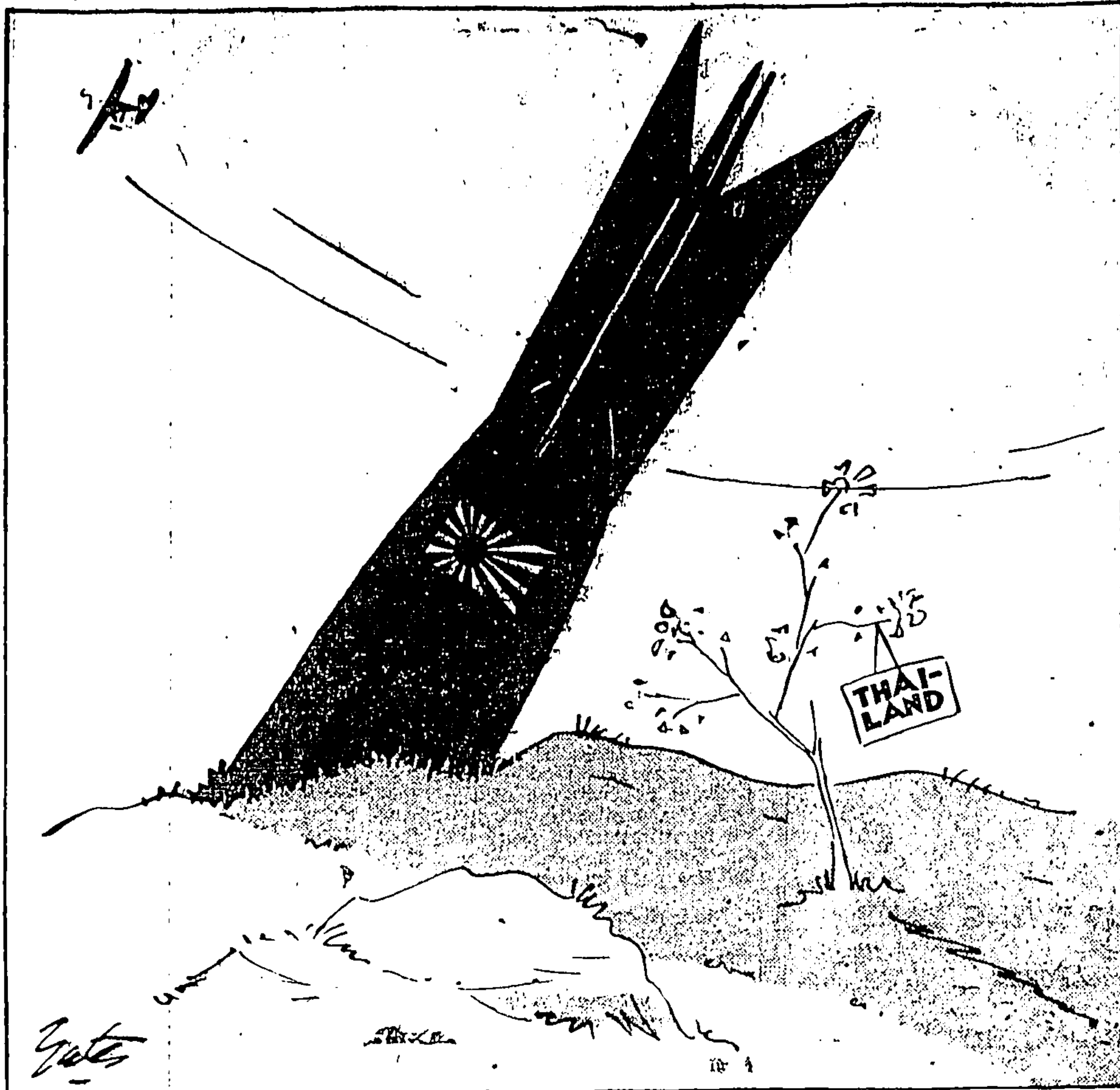
TWO BRIEF YEARS

It is a fantastic experience to look back across two brief years to July 14, 1939, the 150th anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. Europe was officially at peace then; the outlines of the Continent had suffered little apparent change since Versailles, although Austria was gone, and Albania, and Czecho-Slovakia. Down the Champs-Elysees paraded the principal supporters of the European order, the French Army, unmatched in prestige in the world. In a position of honour in that traditional display were British guardsmen in red coats and bearskin, British sailors and marines — and the close-packed Parisian crowds shouted "Vive l'Angleterre!" President Lebrun, speaking at a demonstration of French unity, flung the challenge of the democratic way into the teeth of that black cloud of reaction mounting east of Rhine; "Immutably attached to these principles of 1789, France recognises for all men, without distinction of birth, colour or religion, the right of access to liberty and equality."

One year passed. Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium went, in flame and blood, the way of Czecho-Slovakia. The French Army was swept from the field, and the armistice at Compiègne and the tragic necessity of Mers-el-Kebir divided France from her former ally, Britain. There was a government at Vichy that claimed to speak for France, that cast scorn upon the principles of 1789 and entered upon the pathetic and inglorious programme of placating victorious Germany by imitating her vicious system.

Another year has seen the piecemeal destruction of Europe continued with the fall of Yugoslavia and Greece; it has seen the government of Marshal Petain go ever farther along the road he chose in his first days of power; has seen him give his blessing to Frenchmen who might be deluded enough to fight beside the Germans in the East, to the end that Hitler's fetters might be the more irrevocably fastened upon France; has seen the culminating tragedy of lions of their nation have Frenchmen battling not succumbed to Frenchmen in the strange and unhappy little war free spirits under Gen. de Gaulle have kept the Tricolour in the fight against Hitlerism, and

From that Bastille Day of 1939 to to-day the re-



TIME BOMB

A London Cab

I have a comrade. His name is Joseph. And like Joseph of old, his coat is of many colours. The elbows are covered with brown leather patches, grease has stained and blackened the front and sides, while a tear on the shoulder is patched with scarlet tweed.

Joseph gazes out on life with alert brown eyes through cheap steel-rimmed spectacles which have the appearance of the headlamps of an automobile.

Joseph is a London taxi driver. I met him one night when the German aeroplanes were dropping high over our city. Bombs were coming down and the barrage was going up. I hurried through the empty streets in my tin hat, for I had an urgent appointment in Chancery Lane.

Soon Joseph's taxi came flying along the road and stopped. "Where are you going, guv'nor?" shouted Joseph. After I had told him he said, "Op in, guv'nor."

Joseph drove me to Chancery Lane. When I pulled out my purse to pay, he absolutely refused to take one penny. "It's on my way home," said Joseph, and added, "Anyway, we're all in this together, guv'nor." And Joseph chugged off through the blitz.

I have lived many years in this city. I have never known a taxi man refuse a fare before. Since that night I have used Joseph's taxi many times, and rely on him for up-to-date news about the taxi man's life in wartime, the morale of the East End of London where Joseph lives, and the ordinary man's hopes for the future.

cord of events makes sombre reading for Frenchmen — less so because of France's defeat, for many nations have lost wars without losing self-respect, than because the self-appointed leaders of France have capitulated spiritually to the enemies of France and of the human race. Yet Frenchmen have matter for pride as well; the muzzled mil-lion of their nation have Frenchmen battling not succumbed to Frenchmen in the strange and unhappy little war free spirits under Gen. de Gaulle have kept the Tricolour in the fight against Hitlerism, and that fight will be won.

All In Same Boat

Joseph is allowed three gallons of gasoline a day, which enables him to drive about 60 miles. Before the war he averaged 120 miles a day in his vehicle. But since the war began the scale of tipping has increased, Joseph tells me. So he still earns much the same in a good week as he did in pre-war days—about £5.

The class of people who use taxis in London has changed since

By
Peter Howard

war began. "Most of the nobs seem to have gone away out of London," Joseph says. "I get people in my cab now who would never have taken a taxi before the war. Mothers from the East End with children on their way out of London and so on. Friendlier people they are somehow too. Don't seem to have as many rows nowadays as I used to, guv'nor. They lean out of my window sometimes and bawl out to me which way to go."

Joseph's wife and his three children are evacuees in the country. They have been to six different homes since war began. "Blow me, guv'nor," says Joseph. "They can't expect the missus and kids to stay away from their own home all that long. As soon as we have a week or two of quiet nights, back they all come to London. Then Hitler drops a packet one night, and back they go to the country. I've tried to get 'er—the missus I mean—to make up 'er mind. But there you are. She just won't stay put some'ow."

Joseph's missus and kids are part of the biggest problem of war-time evacuation—the tens of thousands of mothers and children who move back into London a few days after each big raid and wait for the next one before moving out again. When this mass exodus from our city takes place after the big raids, taxis are about the only sure means of transport. Tubes are often disorganised and buses cannot make their way through the streets until the debris is cleared away.

"Oh, don't you worry about us down the East End, guv'nor," Joseph tells me, "people are sticking it wonderful well, considering. Of course we have one or two grumblers down our way who say they can't see how we are going to beat 'em. But we just let 'em get on with it. Don't do no harm, and we beat 'em last

time didn't we?" So says Joseph who fought all through the last war.

Helped Draw Fire Engines

He did something in this war too. The fact can now be disclosed that when the big raids on London began last September, we were short of fire-fighting equipment. So the taxi men of London, my friend Joseph among them, volunteered to drag the heavy fire engines and pumps. Out into the blitz night after night Joseph and the taxi men of London went, hauling equipment to the fires which the Germans had started and were then bombing.

Many of Joseph's friends were killed in this service. "Strained the old engine a bit, guv'nor," Joseph told me, "But there you are. We managed to put out some of the stuff 'e'd started." (Hitler is usually referred to by Joseph as 'e or 'im).

The truth is that by the exertions and courage of the London taxi men, millions of pounds worth of valuable material was saved. Like the taxi men of Paris who transported Gallieni's troops and equipment into the gap in the Marne in 1914, and saved the situation, so the taxi men of London will take their place in history when the full story of this war is told.

Nowadays we have proper engines to drag the fire equipment to where it is needed, so the taxi men of London are no longer required for this service.

Hard Time In Black-Out

Joseph's taxi has a dent as big as a pudding basin in the Bonnet. This is the result of his driving over the edge of a bomb-crater during a black-out a night or two ago. Taxicab drivers, Joseph tells me, are especially liable to black-out mishaps. For, through their intimate knowledge of the highways and byways of our cities they drive and wriggle through the black-out about as quickly as by daylight, while other drivers have to go at a walking pace. And if anything drops in the roadway, taxi men may drive right into the hole before they can stop.

Joseph is a member of the "Bomb Berlin" brigade. As we stopped in a traffic block near Liverpool Street station the other day, Joseph called out to me pointing to a bombed building. "Guv'nor, guv'nor—we're beginning to give 'im a bit of it back. The more the merrier, that's what I say. 'Cos why, guv'nor? 'Cos take it from me 'e 'ates it." Then the taxi moved on with a jerk.

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SYRIANS BARE NAZI WORK IN BEIRUT

(By A. C. Sedgwick)

LIFE IS BEING adjusted in Beirut and throughout Syria and Lebanon to conditions that are almost universally declared more agreeable than those prevailing before hostilities, although martial law imposes a 10 o'clock curfew.

The President of the Lebanon Council, Alfred Naccache, said he and his government were pleased with the change, and certainly by every appearance the British troops of occupation are popular with the Lebanese.

Many of the Vichy-sentimented French — those of mild feelings who have remained — have expressed appreciation of the fact that the armistice terms imposed no humiliation on them and that the British have shown a will to let the past be forgotten.

More than once the writer has been told how lenient they felt the terms were.

Some profess to have believed the Vichy prisoners would be sent to prison camps in India while the Gaullists had a field day. Many managed to convince themselves that the British had predatory motives in taking over Syria, while others held it was the Free French intention to hand over France to the Jews.

According to many neutrals resident in Beirut, such fantasies were the result of assiduous Axis propaganda, rife here for many months until the Germans fled.

An American in a position of authority told the writer it was impossible to exaggerate the work of Axis agents in Syria during the last months and that the sarcastic question put to the British when they entered — "Where are the Germans?" — was a bluff.

Shopkeepers, especially those selling photographic and optical equipment, say that Germans in the guise of tourists were here in droves.

Taxi drivers testify they were hired to take the "tourists" to the Turkish border as soon as the fighting went in favour of the British and Free French. The Italians, they say, offered higher prices to get out. Some German technicians and military advisers stayed longer.

While many residents of Syria profess to have been unaware of the extent of the German infiltration, most—even the firmest Vichy adherents—admit to knowledge that Nazi air forces were at all the principal airfields. The excuse offered is that the German-Italian Armistice Commission sanctioned such practice.

Blocked Earlier Armistice

Germany supported the Vichy French throughout the Syrian campaign and was responsible for the rejection of a proffered armistice in mid-June, soon after the war started, a reliable Free French source said.

General Henri Dentz, Vichy commander and High Commissioner, and his staff were dominated so completely by the Germans that they agreed to German infiltration and the transport of munitions and guns to be used against the British in Iraq, this source said.

The Vichy French were said to have issued feelers for armistice terms through United States Consul-General Cornelius Engert in mid-June, before the fall of Damascus. The British replied within twenty-four hours with generous terms, but Germany tightened her pressure and General Dentz never answered.

The German commission, it was said, promised extensive aid to the Vichy forces, assured them that Turkey was about to collapse under Axis pressures, arranged for the release of 200 aeroplanes from France, and sent a small reinforcement of officers.

Mr. Engert asked if the Vichy command wished to transmit a reply to the British armistice terms, but was told that it was felt the time had not come to negotiate. The defenders, it was said, had been told that the Germans would drive the British from Syria within two months and occupy Jerusalem.

BRITISH LABOUR SHORTAGE

The total registered unemployed in Great Britain on July 13 was 113,662 men and boys and 105,915 girls and women; and of these 33,000 men and 3,000 women were classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment.

These figures show a decrease on the previous month of more than 24,000 unemployed.

In fact the labour market has now become so "tight" that even men approaching the age of 80 are finding a demand for their services.

So urgent are demands for labour in the London area that an increase in the available labour "pool" has had to be made by transferring labour from one industry to another through the medium of industrial registration.

As younger women are absorbed into war industries the older ones are taking their places in less vital jobs such as distribution even where this is possible only on a part-time basis. — Reuter.

WALTZING MATILDA THE TANK

The principal types of British tanks are being given names with popular appeal, with the object of encouraging contributions for their purchase similar to the Spitfires. One type, a 30-ton tank, will be named "Waltzing Matilda."

"Speed the Tanks" funds are springing up all over the country. Individuals and communities subscribing sufficient to purchase a tank have it named after them.

KILLED ALMOST TO A MAN

A communique issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo states: During the night of August 9/10, Italian troops delivered an attack against one of our posts on the outer perimeter defences of Tobruk. The attackers were allowed to approach within 300 yards when they were killed almost to a man by heavy defensive fire from our artillery and machine-guns.

In the frontier area, our patrols successfully engaged patrols of hostile armoured fighting vehicles which were subsequently forced to withdraw by the accuracy of our artillery fire.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI PUPPET PARADE BOMBED

AN ATTEMPT by a terrorist to halt a lantern procession held in the Western district of Shanghai to celebrate Axis recognition of the Nanking Government ended fatally for him when a hand grenade, which he had concealed in his person, exploded. Two suspected confederates including a young Chinese girl sustained severe bodily injuries.

Long before the procession started a crowd of more than 20,000 persons thronged the vicinity and entrance of Jessfield Park. Shortly after 5 p.m. a terrorist entered the park with a grenade of the military type concealed underneath his clothing. While in the lavatory he accidentally released the safety catch of the infernal machine, which immediately exploded.

The explosion resulted in his dismemberment and immediate death. Two suspected accomplices including Miss Fong Ning, a 22 year old girl, who were in the vicinity sustained serious injuries. Miss Ning was injured in the head while the other suspect Chang-yuan, a twenty year old native of Ningpo, sustained severe bodily injuries. Both were removed to hospital.

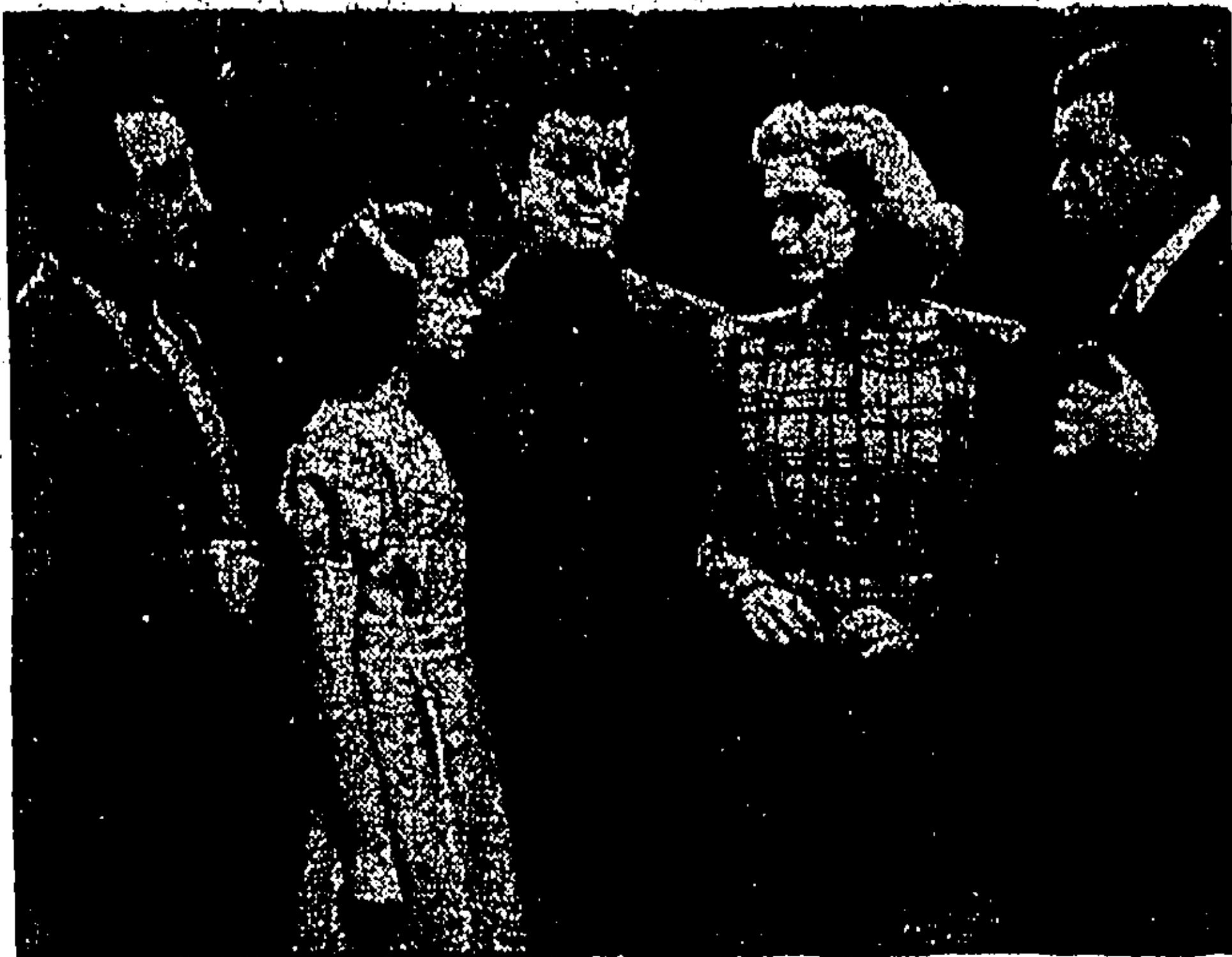
Owing to the careful and well-planned measures taken by the Western Area Special Police to guard against terroristic acts the incident did not delay the holding of the procession for one minute. The precautionary measures taken for the protection of the public were worked out by Commissioner C. C. Pan of the

Western Area Special Police assisted by Mr. J. B. Clissold, the Deputy Commissioner.

Order was restored out of the chaos within a remarkably short while following the explosion with the result that the arrangements for the procession were carried out without a hitch. Officers of the Special Police attached to its Crime branch made an immediate investigation of the incident. The procession, which was one of the principal festivities connected with the celebrations of the recognition of the new Nanking Government by eight foreign powers terminated at about 10 p.m. at the corner of Bubbling Well and Great Western Roads.

EDUCATION IN GAS WARFARE

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, a campaign to educate the public in the matter of "poison gas" has been launched and will begin with an exhibition in London from August 14th to September 9th.—British Wireless.



Drama, flavoured with comedy, describes this scene from "A Little Bit of Heaven." The players are (L. to R.) Hugh Herbert, Gloria Jean, Frank Jenks, Nan Grey and Stuart Erwin. At the King's.

U.S. WILL SOON PASS THE OUTPUT OF NAZIS

(By James B. Reston)

ECONOMISTS of the Office of Production Management estimate that by April the United States will be out-producing Germany in airplanes and tanks, Senator Downey of California told the Senate Military Affairs Committee in secret session.

As the programme was now developing, Mr. Downey said, the United States by next Spring will be "so far ahead that Germany won't even be second." The OPM estimated, he added, that a billion dollars' worth of military equipment was being turned out in this country every month and that in two years this rate of production would be tripled.

Mr. Downey used the figures in support of his argument that the committee should not grant to the Administration blanket authority to requisition industrial plants and machinery.

"If we continued to do what the Army and Navy wants to do," he declared, "and convert this nation into an armed camp, with a production of three billion dollars monthly of arms and material, I look almost for collapse and revolution."

Estimates Of Efficiency

The OPM believes, he stated, that as a result of the speed-up of technological processes and machinery during the rearmament programme this country will increase its efficiency to such a degree that it soon will be able to produce as much equipment as it is doing now with 2,000,000 fewer workers a year.

If the trend in rearmament were allowed to spiral continuously upward, the Senator asserted, "we may have 30,000,000 unemployed" at the end of the war. This view, he added, was shared by "practically every economist in Washington."

Calling for drastic limitation of the Property Seizure Bill, he said:

"It is a question of balance. I do hope that some limitation will be put in this measure that will, to the fullest extent, maintain the stability of industry in the United States, because I can see, right in Los Angeles, when this war boom is over, if we don't face violence and death and revolution I will be surprised."

This statement prompted Senator Schwartz of Wyoming to observe that if the United States was "not prepared and the Japs come over here, when they get through with Los Angeles there won't be any business there at all."

No Pacific Defences

Senator Chandler of Kentucky commented that, as the nation stands right now, Japan could "park an aircraft carrier in the Pacific" and bomb the whole coast of California.

"You haven't got an anti-aircraft gun on the entire coast," he asserted. "I have been all the way up and down it. You haven't got any defences."

The text of the executive session hearings on the Draft Property Bill shows a clear division in the committee between those members led by Senator Chandler, who wanted to give the Administration authority to seize "any property necessary to the defence of the United States," and those who wanted a definite limit on what property was to be seized.

A committee minority, including Senator Downey and Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, were worried about the possibility that the government might decide that newspapers and radio stations were "necessary to the defence of the United States," requisition them and thus control the organs of public opinion in the country.

Such broad powers, they argued, were not only unnecessary to meet the immediate needs of the emergency but were dangerous.

The views of those arguing for limitation finally prevailed when the committee voted unanimously to accept a modified bill, which will be brought up in the Senate Monday.

FIREPROOF LIQUID

Sir John Madsen, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Sydney University, who is one of a group of five Australian scientists who will establish headquarters in the United States and England in connection with the war effort, has been invited to attend a demonstration at Washington of a new fire-proofing liquid which the United States War and Navy Departments are investigating.

Australian officials in the United States are taking a keen interest in this material, which will be made available by the inventor, a Scandinavian occultist, who, after many years of experimenting, perfected it at Los Angeles.

The material is said to have very high military advantages, and aeroplane fabrics treated with it will not burn. A blazing thermite bomb can be doused quickly with a few shovels of sawdust treated with the liquid, and a blazing tank of crude oil can be extinguished with a spray.

JOHN BULL'S

A fire started by German bombers among farm buildings near an East Anglian town was extinguished by stampeding cattle, which broke out of their stalls and trampled blazing timber underfoot.

LEOPOLD'S ACT DEFENDED

What is believed to be the "inside story" of the seven tragic days leading to the surrender of King Leopold of Belgium was told for the first time when a settlement was announced in the law courts of a libel action brought by Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, against the Daily Mirror Newspapers, Limited.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., counsel for Sir Roger Keyes said that within a few hours of the German invasion of Belgium on May 10 last year, Sir Roger Keyes, at the request of the British Government, flew to join King Leopold as a special liaison officer. He remained with the King until May 27, when King Leopold asked for an armistice.

Mr. Churchill, on May 2, announcing the Belgian surrender, asked that judgment should be suspended until the facts were known.

Sir Roger Keyes, in the lobby of the House of Commons, echoed this advice to a representative of the "Daily Mirror," which, on May 30, published an attack on King Leopold and also Sir Roger Keyes.

Sir Patrick Hastings described how the British Army and the French Northern Army were ordered on May 20 to prepare to fight south-west to regain contact with the main French Army. It was clear that unless the Belgian Army could conform with this movement there would be a breach of contact between the British and Belgian Armies, he said.

"King Leopold made it clear that if there was a separation between the two armies the capitulation of the Belgian Army would be inevitable," continued Sir Patrick Hastings.

The Belgian Army, at the request of the French High Command, was withdrawn on May 23 from a strongly prepared position on the Scheldt to a weaker and longer line on the Lys to allow the British Army to retire behind a defensive frontier line to prepare for a southward offensive.

"King Leopold, on the morning of May 27, asked Sir Roger Keyes to inform the British authorities that he would be obliged to surrender before a debacle occurred, and at 5 p.m. on May 27 King Leopold informed the British and French authorities that he intended at midnight to ask for an armistice in order to avoid further slaughter of his people."

Sir Patrick Hastings concluded that Sir Roger Keyes, in the light of his knowledge, felt justified in suggesting a suspension of judgment on King Leopold, and resented the attack on himself.

The defendants accepted Sir Patrick Hastings's statement, and regretted having been misled by an unimpeachable source.

The Judge ordered defendants to pay damages the amount not being stated, and also costs.

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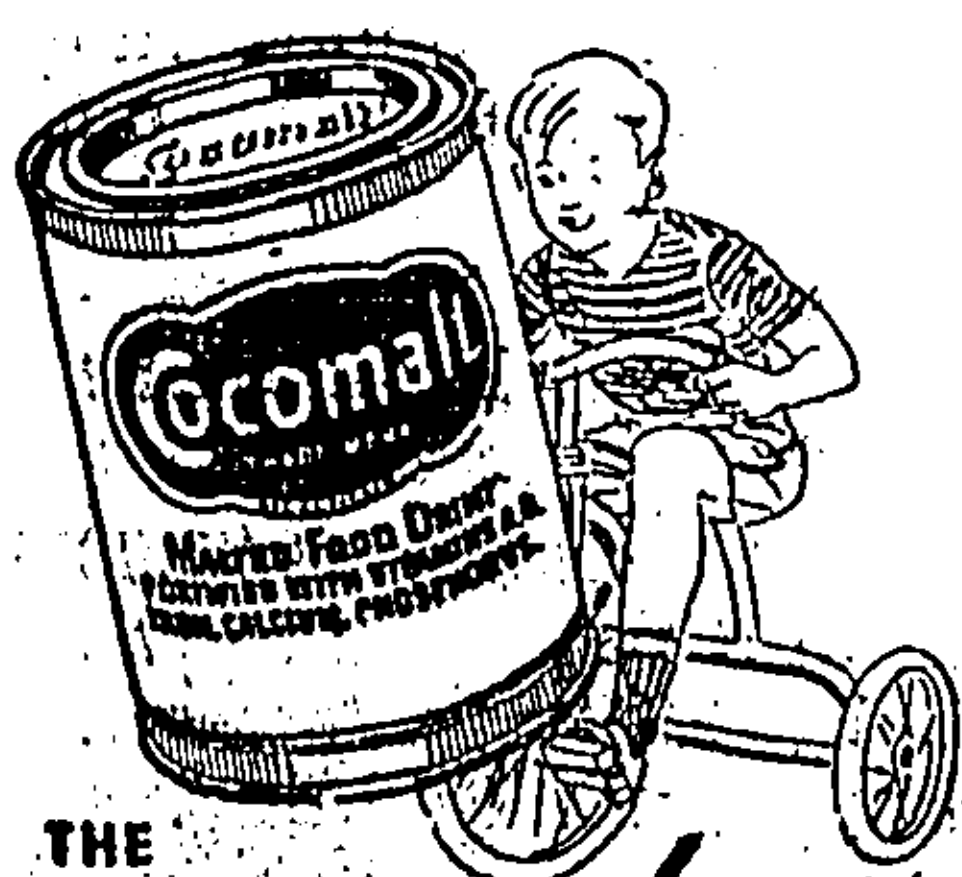
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South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 8 6
♥ K Q J 10 5
♦ K Q J 10 9
♣ 6

WEST

♠ Q J 3 2
♥ 9 7 6 2
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ 8

EAST

♠ 9 6
♥ A 4 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ K J 9 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 7 4
♥ 8
♦ 5
♣ A Q 10 7 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

South played the hand as well as he could and was down only two tricks, for a penalty of 500 points. But he never should have been at so high a contract. North should have passed at two spades!

Consider the information available to North at the point where South had bid two spades.

By beginning with the clubs and bidding the spades later on, South showed that he had more clubs than spades. (It was possible that he had two four-card suits, but his next bid ruled that possibility out.) And by rebidding the spades, he showed that he had a five-card spade suit. Hence he had at least six clubs and only two red cards at most.

If South had only two red cards, North would not be well off at a heart or diamond contract. Furthermore, North should have realised that South would not give up his two suits just to let North play the hand at a bad red trump contract. Moreover, if South had only two red cards, the North hand was practically worthless to him. Hence, further bidding could not do the North-South cause any good and might lead to serious trouble.

North should have stopped to reason this all out, and then he would have passed safely at two spades. There's a big difference between making 60 points below the line and giving the opponents 500 above the line.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schonen	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♣	Pass	1NT	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner could have bid four clubs, two or more no-trump, or he could have raised the hearts. Instead of making any of these stronger bids, he made a minimum rebid in his own suit. Game is very unlikely, and a pass may save you from a bad contract.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for three hearts.

Question No. 792

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schonen	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♣	Pass	1NT	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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During his undergraduate days he learned to fly with the Cambridge University Air Squadron, and subsequently was accepted for the Reserve of Air Force Officers.

After leaving Cambridge he went to India, and was teaching English in a missionary college in Delhi. During this period he continued flying as a member of the Delhi Flying Club.

Later he spent two years at a Church of England Theological College at home—still flying whenever a chance came—and was then ordained by the Bishop of Birmingham in 1936.

On the outbreak of war this officer applied for a commission for "non-operational flying duties." After a refresher course in flying he was appointed to the flying training school. Special sanction was given for him to act in addition as the station chaplain.

The Flying Padre has been asked frequently how he reconciles his flying duties with those of a chaplain. His reply is that there is no inconsistency between the two. Teaching young men to fly is — he maintains — a non-combatant job. His teaching concerns only flying and does not touch at all the operational side.

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"One just has the desire," she said, according to Reuter, "to do everything one can to show appreciation for that kind of courage and that kind of determination to preserve the way of life which is at least a free choice of the people who are living in it."

"To-day it seems to me that this decision of having a free choice as to what you will do is one that many of us have got to face and have got to decide whether we think it important for the future. I think the choice of being able to say what you think and do what you think right is one that we all must be at the back of in this country."

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A deputation from the Institute of Journalists protested to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, Mr. Harold Nicolson, against the preferential treatment which, it claimed, was accorded the B.B.C. in the issue of public statements important news.

Mr. Nicolson, who received the deputation on behalf of the Minister for Information, denied the allegations of favouritism to the B.B.C., but promised to place the deputation's case before the Minister.

The deputation submitted recent examples which were described as "instances of deliberate discrimination against the newspapers," adding that it was impossible to resist the conclusion that the frequent release of important news items in time for the B.B.C. news was more than a coincidence.

The deputation pointed out that the newspapers would almost certainly give Ministerial pronouncements a better show if the B.B.C. had not already taken the bloom from them. It disclaimed any animus against the B.B.C., stating that wartime emergencies imposed immense disabilities of a physical kind on the newspapers, which was an additional reason for seeing that the B.B.C.'s privileges did not transcend the obligations of fair play.

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The second pilot stated that tracer was hardly ever outside the wing span. Though injured by splinters, he stood in the astro dome during the entire engagement, and kept up a running commentary. The rear gunner replied to at least eight of the attacks before he was killed. The wireless operator was wounded.

The combat began at 12,00 feet and ended at sea-level off the coast north of the River Elbe. In the final attack the starboard petrol tanks were hit. In spite of much other damage to the aircraft from machine gun and cannon-fire, the pilot brought it safely home across the North Sea.

NO SMOKES SO WOULD NOT SAIL

The crew of a Cardiff coaster refused to sail unless they obtained cigarettes for the voyage, so Seamen's Union officials and shipping clerks were forced to hunt the dock areas for supplies. Tobaccoists gave up some of the supplies they had reserved for regular customers. The ship sailed punctually.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"You can't get another exemption in my income tax, Dickinson—my daughter's getting married!"

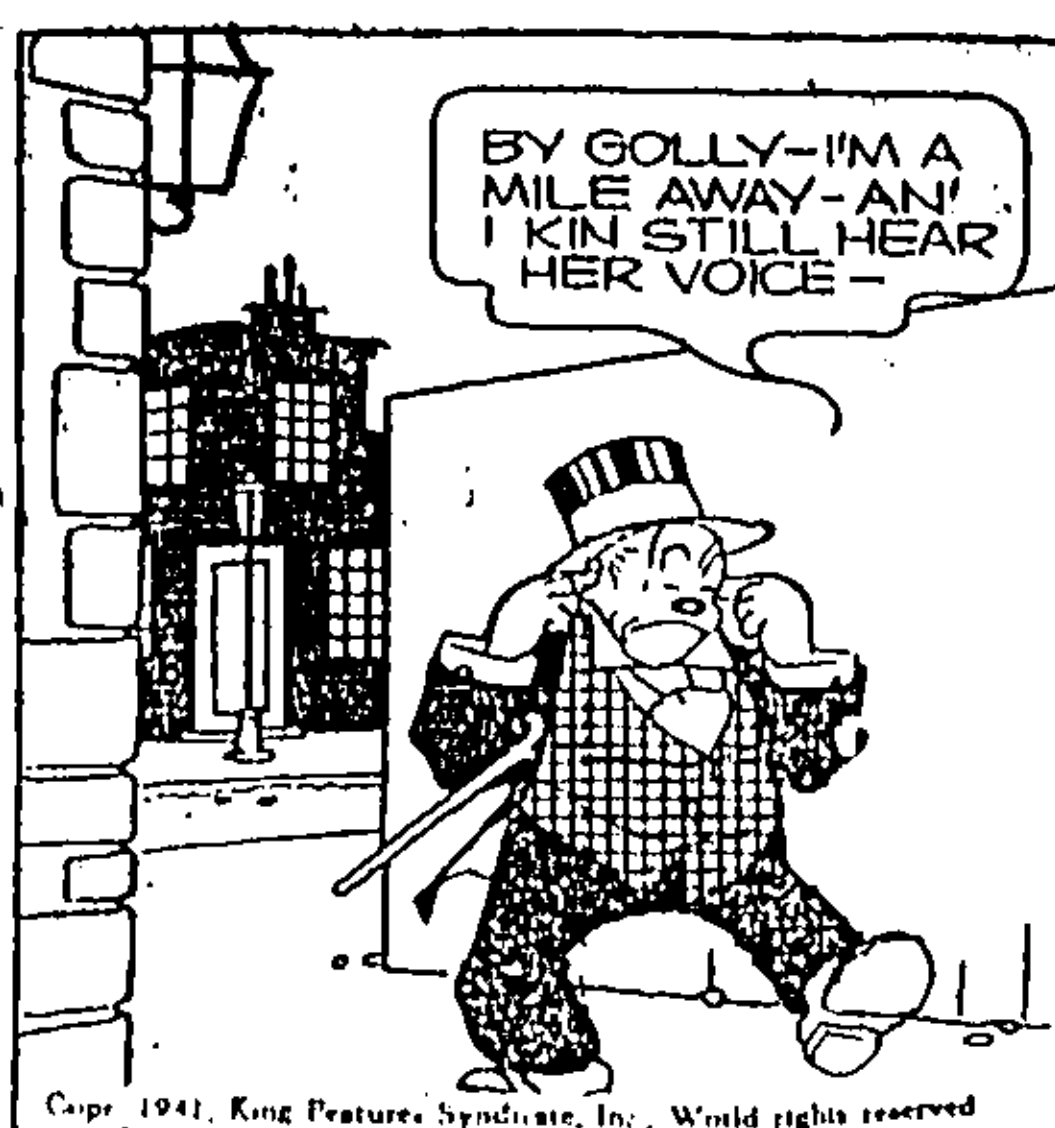
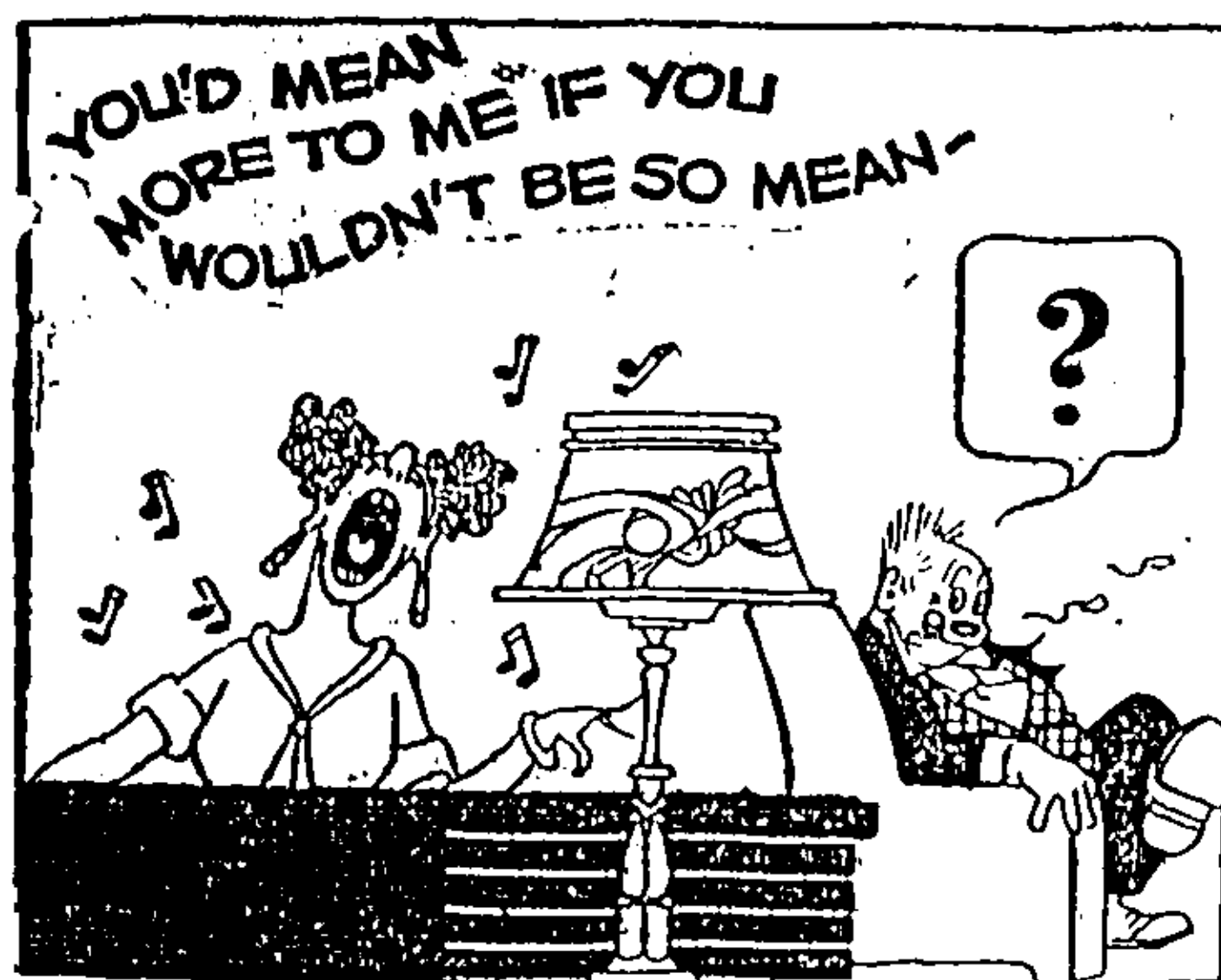
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Cool Coiffure To Outwit Heat

About now you would probably give your fortune for a cool snow-drift! Heated scalp, perspiring skin, sparkle-drooled eyes and a definite slump in your spirit. That's you. Well, buck up and learn a few self-cooling tricks.

What about your coiffure? Is it a cool one so arranged to keep wads of heavy hair off your neck? Why go about with a shoulder too high for comfort, when your hair can be combed up to the top of your head anchored with an elastic band and the curly ends so arranged to give you a piquant, cool look? Yes, such a flower-pot arrangement is quite the vogue this summer and all long bob girls are happy that someone invented it for heavy long hair need not be thinned or cut short to be comfortable. You try it right now.

Now to treat that hot skin. Fold a couple of face tissues into a pad and drench it with chilled skin freshener. Pat the back of your neck, your throat, temples first, then the rest of your face and the palms of your hands. Use two pads at one time if you wish for quicker results. Not even the boss could object to your doing this during the hottest part of the afternoon — if he does, suggest that he try it, too!

Those of you who play cook one minute and hostess the next could keep a bottle of freshener in the icebox and use it just before you take off your apron to make your appearance in the living room. It actually does the trick.

Keep Fresh This Way

Summer is the time to cultivate that extra-clean look. This requires very thorough cream cleansings. Put four or five generous blobs of cream on face and quickly spread them over your face with upward strokes with fingertips which have been dipped into icy water. Again dip your fingers in the iced water and briskly spank your face for at least three minutes. This awakens tired pores and makes them discharge every bit of grime and waste so when you remove the cream with tissues your face is

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clean and soft and smooth. Then a brisk dabbing with chilled freshener before you powder.

If your powder cakes during the summer, or gets moist and unlovely try this: after powdering press your face with a wad of cotton first saturated with cold freshener and then wrung dry. This sets your powder and keeps your complexion looking fresh hours longer.

And for a quick pick-up at the

end of a long hot day, clean your face with cream and then lie down cover your entire face and neck with folded tissue pads moistened with chilled freshener. Leave just a breathing hole in one for your mouth! This is guaranteed to banish that so-exhausted feeling and put you in a party mood. The clever beauty has tricks for remaining cool and fresh and good natured right through the day and night!

Crawl To Invite Figure Beauty



The modern Belle gets her quota of summer exercise. Helen Parrish likes swimming and swears it keeps her figure streamlined!

Stout girls write me and complain that swimming does not slim their figures. Slim girls write and tell me that swimming doesn't seem to add glamour to their figures. And I answer, "Learn and practice the crawl if you wish to invite figure beauty for its timing, kick, rhythm and pull is bound to make your figure — and your face more beautiful!"

The trouble is many swimmers are lazy. They jump into the sea, splash about for five minutes and then out on the hot sand they go to remain for an hour or two.

No figure beauty is possible without effort so at least one half hour of a day at the beach should be spent swimming. Fifteen minutes one time, sun for awhile, and fifteen minutes again.

The crawl calls every muscle and bone into coordination. Even the twisting of the neck as your face comes up for air — first one side, then the other — helps to beautify you. Double chin banish. Too skinny necks fill out if breathing is deep and rhythmical.

Face muscles firm and skin texture is greatly improved. Even the salt sea water washes and beautifies the eyes! So not one of you can write and tell me that swimming the crawl does not improve your figure flaws! If it doesn't you are not swimming enough.

A Fair Test

Now that the summer is here and swimming opportunities plentiful, I urge every girl and woman to learn how to swim and then to learn how to do the crawl correctly. A few lessons from a friend who swims well, or from a professional teacher, should be sufficient once you acquire the knack of deep breathing and rhythmical kicking and pulling.

And what compensations there are in swimming well. Your health improves, your spirits soar, your beauty is enhanced! You get fun while you exercise. You find swimming enthusiasts in every summer crowd and, most important, you develop a poise and assurance which radiates when you want to look your best and to be your most alluring! Hair can be kept dry by wear-

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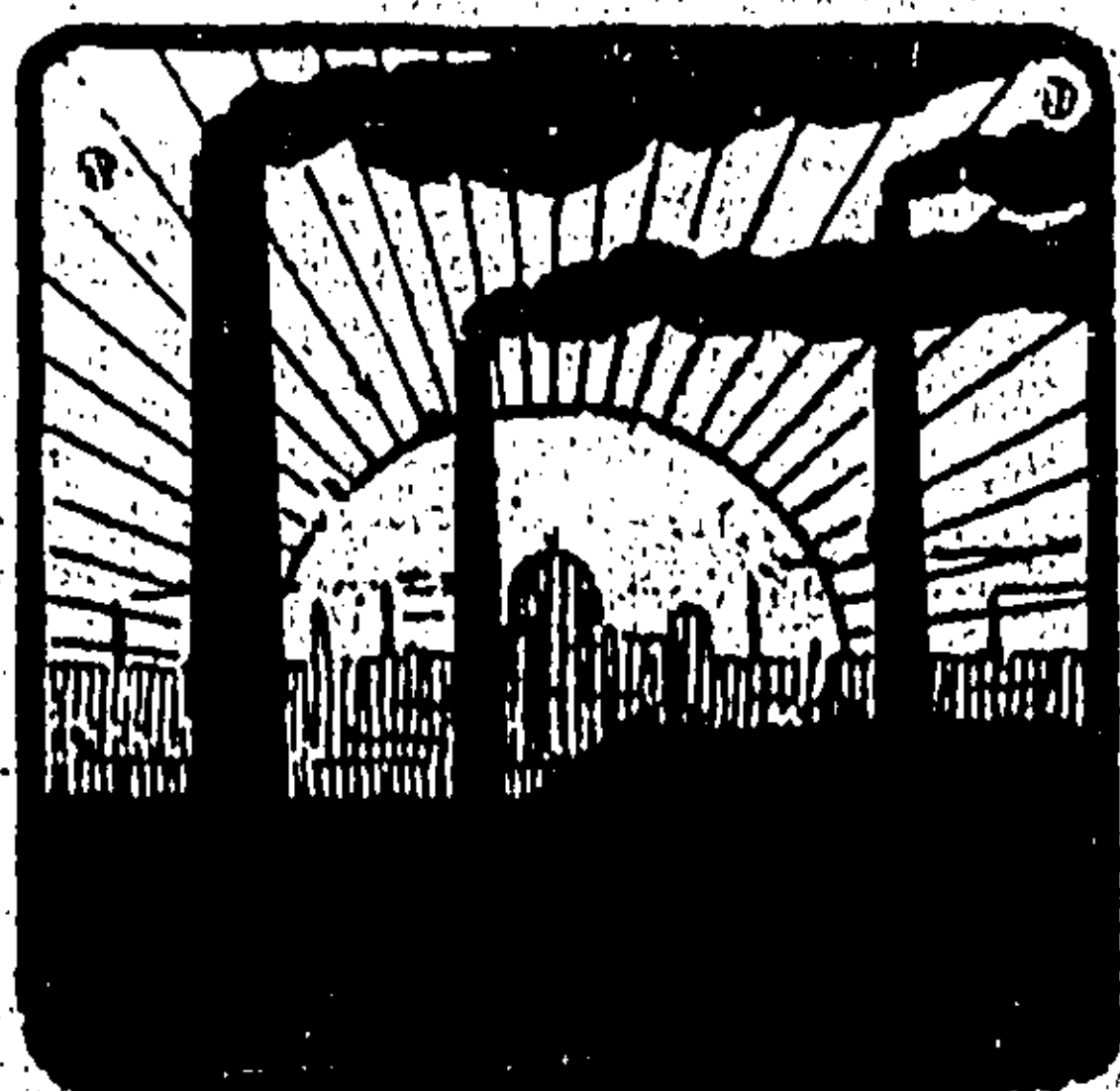
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12.30 p.m.—Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.
Slaughter On Tenth Avenue (from film "On Your Toes"—Hart).
Manhattan Moonlight.
Manhattan Serenade (Alter).

12.50 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.

I Don't Feel No Ways Tired; Deep River (Arr. Burleigh)... Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano.
Help Me To Fly Over Jordan (Traditional)—arr. Sam Manning)... Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Boys.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Light Variety.
Vocal—The Cockeyed Mayor Of Kaunakakal (Anderson); Rhumbogie (from film "Argentine Nights"—Ray)... The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra.

Organ—Smash and Grab (Leach); Temptation Rag (Lodge)... Donald Thomas.

Piano—Blossoms on Broadway (from film "Blossoms on Broadway") (Robin—Rainger)... Leslie Hutchinson.

Piano—Carroll Calls The Tunes (No. 2)—Intro: In An 18th Century Drawing Room; It's A Lovely Day Tomorrow; Scatterbrain; It's A Hap, Hap, Happy Day; Faithful Forever; Let The People Sing... Carroll Gibbons.
Comedienne—The South Is The Place For Me (Ellis & others); Why Has A Cow Got Four Legs (Ellis & Furber)... Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in D Minor; Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—An Irving Berlin Programme.
I'm Sorry For Myself; When Winter Comes (both from film "Second Fiddle")... Mary Healy with Orch.
"On The Avenue"—Piano Medley... Vivian Ellis.

A Little Old Church In England; Because I Love You... Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Easter Parade; Say It With Music (both from film "Alexander's Ragtime Band")... Henry King and his Orchestra.

Alexander's Ragtime Band (from film)... The Boswell Sisters (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.
Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories—Intro: Kitten on the Keys; Ukulele Lady; What'll I Do; Carolina in the Morning; Chilly-Bombom; Dancing Time; Keep on Humming; April Showers; Indian Love Call; I'll Build A Stairway to Paradise.
Parade of the Sandwich-Board Men.
Phil The Fluter's Ball.
Where The Blue Begins—Intro: Love Stay In My Heart (from film "Top of the World").

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordeon Band and Dick Todd (Vocal).

Meet Me Down In Sunset Valley (Gilbert); My Heaven In The Pines (Campbell, Sigler, Conrad)... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.

When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano (Leon Rene)... Dick Todd with Orchestra.

When Shall We Two Meet Again? (Bradbury—Smith—Kennedy); Go To It! (Hill—Titheradge)... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.

It's A Hundred To One (Kemper—Jurgens); Blue Orchids (Hoagy Carmichael)... Dick Todd with Orchestra.

Six Hits Of The Day, No. 40—Intro: All Over The Place; There'll Come Another Day; Bless 'Em All; Ferryboat Serenade; Sierra Sue; I'm Nobody's Baby... Primo Scala Accordeon Band.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"A Marriage Has Been Arranged". A One-act Play by Alfred Sutro. Produced by Leonard Starbuck.

9.25 p.m.—The New Symphony Orchestra.
Valse Triste ("Kuolema"—Sibelius).
Solemn Melody (Walford Davies).
"Henry VIII"—Dances (Edward German)—Shepherd's Dance; Morris Dance; Torch Dance.
Mediterranean (Bax).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Liszt—Ballade in B Minor.
Louis Kentner (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Land We Defend"—"The Western Highlands and Islands".

10.48 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates.
Four Ways Suite; Northwards—Southwards—Eastwards—Westwards... The New Light Symphony Orch.
A Song Remembered... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.
London Bridge March... The New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Music Of The Night... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.
By The Sleepy Lagoon... Orchestra Raymond.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

FAMOUS LONDON BUILDINGS HIT IN RECENT RAIDS

FURTHER DETAILS of damage inflicted by the enemy on famous London buildings and institutions in recent raids may now be revealed.

Queen's Hall, London's internationally famous concert hall, has been severely damaged, and instruments valued at thousands of pounds belonging to the London Philharmonic Orchestra have been destroyed.

After the raid the L.P.O. arrived to give a concert, and found themselves without hall or instruments.

Other instruments were borrowed and the concert was given in the Royal Academy of Music.

The manager sat at a table on the pavement to direct the audience as they arrived. Within an hour the orchestra gave their advertised programme without alteration.

Queen's Hall was opened in 1893, and two years later the first of the famous "Proms" was conducted there by Sir Henry Wood. Paderewski was once paid £1,000, a record fee, for a concert there. Richard Strauss and Toscanini made their London debuts at Queen's Hall.

St. James's Palace was hit by two high-explosive bombs. The main damage was done at Friary Court, in Marlborough Gate, the part of the palace precincts most familiar to the public, as it flanks the road into the park and is often the scene of the Changing of the Guard. Residential quarters on the side of the court nearest the park were badly damaged, and so was the office of the Superintendent of Works.

London Museum Damaged

The London Museum, which is in the precincts, was also hit. Part of the building will have to be demolished and rebuilt.

Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was hit by a number of incendiaries. Most of these were extinguished before damage could be done, but the chapel was burnt out.

The chapel is now a mass of charred timbers. The private pew used by Queen Elizabeth in the 16th century was badly damaged, but the Altar cloth and other valuable articles were saved.

Juxon Hall, the 15th-century ecclesiastical library, was damaged by fire, and thousands of its books were either destroyed or damaged.

Court-Room Vanished

The Old Bailey has had its Newgate Street wing shattered by a high-explosive bomb. One of the court-rooms of the Central Criminal Court has vanished.

The central part of the building and the other wing remain intact, and the figure of Justice still stands on the dome with sword outstretched and scales balanced.

Two porters on duty, Harry Dart and Harold Sheehy, were killed in the raid. This is the third time that the Old Bailey has been bombed.

St. Clement Danes Church, in the Strand, has been reduced to charred walls and a tower, after being hit by incendiary bombs for the third time. Two days afterwards the smoke still curled up from the rubble.

Of its 12 bells made famous in the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons," two are cracked, but the bells may yet peal again. The parish registers were saved. The church was designed by Wren and completed in 1682.

The Salvation Army Headquarters in Queen Victoria Street have been burned out. Most of the records were destroyed, though some may still be safe in the strong room. Headquarters work is being carried on by the Salvation Army at its college at Denmark Hill.

St. Thomas's Hospital has twice been bombed again recently. Nightingale House, where the Lady of the Lamp founded her nurses' home, has been partly destroyed, and Florence Nightingale's carriage was wrecked.

R. A. F. URGES SABOTAGE

Britain has called in propaganda to aid the R.A.F.'s offensive over northern France, which is being relentlessly continued with increasing daring.

A member of the Air Staff broadcast a call to Frenchmen to sabotage French factories which were working for Germany.

He declared: "The R.A.F.'s hammer-blows have caused havoc to the German armament factories, and German workers and engineers are panic-stricken."

"Germany is now replacing her own nationals with Frenchmen who have been lured from their homes."

"The Germans are striving to accelerate their production in order to counter-balance the American aid to Britain. Therefore, Germany needs new centres of production, and is taking over French factories."

"French workers: Your output is being used in the fight against your liberators. Remember that the R.A.F. is determined to smash German industry wherever it is situated."

"Therefore, follow my advice and abandon work in factories for work in the country. Evacuate your women and children from the neighbourhood of the factories. If you are forced to stay in the factories run to shelters when the alert sounds."

"If the Germans do not sound an alert, listen for the zooming of the planes and then forsake your benches. If there is no shelter, force the Germans to build you one."



Just what I needed!

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THE QUALITY BEER



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NEW PALESTINE FORCE

British subjects and Palestinian citizens are eligible for the Palestine Volunteer Force established under a new ordinance. The object of the new force is to "assist the Regular forces with all measures required for the defence of Palestine, within or beyond its borders or ensuring internal security."

The High Commissioner has power to determine the strength and establishment of officers and other ranks. The force is divided into three groups—combatant, a reserve group of persons whose services are primarily required in work in which they are normally engaged, and a reserve group for essential services.

The law provides pensions and gratuities for the wounded, as well as relief for wives and families unable to support themselves, and relief for widows and families of members killed. All are chargeable to the revenues of Palestine.

The head of the information section of the Jewish Agency has announced that nearly 10,000 Jews from Palestine are already serving in various units of the British forces.

STRUCTURE OF ABBEY INTACT

The general structure of Westminster Abbey is stated to be intact, though the bombing had caused surface injury to the Henry the Seventh Chapel and damage to some stonework. There was extensive loss in the Deanery and in premises tenanted by clergy and officials.

The Henry the Seventh Chapel is the Lady Chapel for the Abbey, and its "fan-tracery" ceiling, one of the finest in the world, was undamaged.

The organ, considered one of the finest in the country, was tested by Dr. Bullock, the Abbey organist, and by Dr. Peasgood, the sub-organist, and found to be undamaged. Dust will necessitate thorough cleaning, and the change of atmosphere due to the lantern being open to the sky has caused

the instrument to go out of tune. The music is safe.

The King's Inquiries

Where the King and Queen sat in their Coronation robes beneath the lantern was a heap of rubbish and broken wood. The King made special inquiries about the damage in the building.

The roof which runs over part of the Chapter House has been damaged by fire. Most of the books in the library are believed to be safe. The tomb of the Unknown Warrior was not touched.

Archdeacon Donaldson stated that the loss of the Deanery was irreparable, and irreplaceable records, furniture, and his library of thousands of books had been lost. "But it remains that no life has been sacrificed and the Abbey has been saved," he added.

Storm Of Anger

Dr. Perkins, the Sacrist, stated: "I can imagine the storm of anger that will sweep over our Dominions and America when the news of this latest exhibit of Aryan culture reaches them. The story ought to be told and I hope it will be told. It is one which will stamp Hitler for all time."

The Dean has received many telegrams expressing sympathy and a number of letters, the writers of some expressing indignation at the German action.

FAST AND FEARLESS

The variety in the type of craft the British Navy is using to sweep the seas of the enemy has been steadily increasing.

The manifold menaces to be faced at sea have dictated a policy with which naval designers and architects have kept in step by conversion and mass production methods. And this has meant the rapid growth of the fleet of smaller ships whose equipment makes them equally effective as those released for other duties, they have replaced.

The latest of the small ships, coming off the stocks almost as fast as we can man them, is the now off-the-secret-list M.L. (motor launch), in one of which I had the doubtful pleasure of watching manoeuvres in the North Sea.

Like A Taxi

A small edition of the corvette, the M.L. is a vessel of about 100ft. long, with two engines, and has a speed round about 30 knots. Manoeuvrability is such that it can turn like a taxi, and, in my sea experience, is matchless for its roll.

It is fully equipped in armament to deal with U-boats, E-boats, and air attackers, and carries depth-charges.

As patrol vessel and convoy escort, it is ideally suited to the task. Its seaworthiness enables it to go out in weather and sea that would make operations by motor torpedo-boats too hazardous.

I watched from the bridge the swift jockeying and sliding into position, rapid turns and sudden acceleration, and I quickly realised what a difficult target under attack the M.L. must be.

Altogether it is a very efficient naval weapon, but an extremely uncomfortable "ride" for the crew and officers, particularly if they are unaccustomed to such a small ship.

SEA HERO'S 7TH MEDAL

A bar to his bronze medal is the seventh decoration awarded to Robert Cross, a Humber lifeboat coxswain.

SOLDIERS GATECRASH SAVOY

A fashionable gathering in the Savoy Hotel lounge, including high Army officers, was surprised to see three bronzed Diggers walk in, carrying their jackets, and with their sleeves rolled up.

The Diggers, who were the first to be seen in London for months, announced that they were "broke," but wanted to see inside some of London's "low dives."

They were invited to join a party of Australian and American journalists, to whom they revealed that they came from Warburton (Victoria), and belonged to Australia's "Forgotten Battalion," consisting of several hundred expert bushmen, left behind when the Australians went to Egypt. They had since been engaged in forestry work in the north of England.

The trio said the "Forgotten Battalion" had been somewhat over-looked, receiving few comforts, and, despite the importance of their work, they felt "out of things."

"Hitch-Hiked" To London

All were disappointed they had not gone to Egypt.

One member of the battalion recently disappeared and turned up after a fortnight.

He then announced that he had "hitch-hiked" to London, where he had joined a bomb disposal squad.

He was injured when a bomb exploded, but said he was happier now, because he felt he had been in action.

Australia House reports that it has just completed the furnishing of clubrooms for the use of these men when on leave in London. It is also trying in various ways to make them feel that they are not forgotten.

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JAPANESE BONDS ON DOWNWARD TREND

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was quietly steady. Far Eastern uncertainties influenced the markets early, but the firmness of the underdone again became apparent towards the close.

Breweries and South American rails continued to advance on further buying, while Japanese bonds were on the downward trend, but elsewhere movements were generally trading with gilt-edged securities and Kaffirs a shade lower, but oils and industrials were well held.—Reuter.

61 CHURCHES WERE DESTROYED

DETAILS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES DAMAGED IN AIR RAIDS WERE GIVEN AS:—

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Here we have the story in a nutshell. It is not generally known, perhaps, that for those stationed on the Island, there are amenities enough for everything, so that those of us on the Hong Kong side who think life on Stonecutters must be "a hermit's life" are very much mistaken.

There are three sections on the Island, the Navy, the Army and the Dockyard Police, but it's one happy family and the slogan "one for all and all for one" cannot find better illustration than on Stonecutters.

Football Rivalry

Last week, for instance, the East side of the Island challenged the South to a game of football. As has already been reported in these columns, the game took place and ended in a draw.

But that very keen friendly rivalry that exists had to be appeased, and both teams were just as anxious to show that they were the better. Came the day, yesterday, when this all-important fixture was played again, but once more the teams had to be satisfied with sharing the honours. Gilmore sent his team ahead in the first half, and with only 15 minutes left for play, it certainly looked as though East would carry the day.

Cross' Equaliser

Cross, centre-forward for South, however, had other ideas about it. He received the ball when favourably placed, made a bee-line for the goal and sent in a rasping drive which gave Brunt, the East goalkeeper, no chance.

Both teams were striving hard for the lead when the referee, Chamberlain, blew the final whistle. It was a good game, but despite the breeze that blew across the ground, it was still a little too warm for a strenuous game of football.

The teams were:— East: Brunt, Bratt, Bell, Slater, Cooper, Magorian, O'Hanlon, Marriott, Gilmore, Gibson and Goodwin.

South: Smith, Ho Sum, Walker, Hodgson, Baxter, Toplin, Dickenson, Brown, Cross, Yee Shuk and Burn.

Referee: Chamberlain.

Tennis To Begin

Members of the Wireless Station on the Island are at the moment using the tennis courts to a very great extent, for their annual tennis competitions, on the knock-out basis, will shortly be starting.

It would be difficult to nominate the likely winners of the singles and doubles, as the players are very much of the same standard, but some very keenly contested games are expected and it is a pity that "mere outsiders" cannot visit the Island to watch some of these games for, as one of the men said, "it would be well worth the trouble."

LOJNIKOFF RETAINS HIS TITLE

A large crowd saw with little interest Paul Lojnikoff, reigning lightweight champion of China, defeat Al Dundee on points at the Canidrome in one of the most colourless and featureless boxing programmes staged in Shanghai for a very long time, writes the "North China Daily News." Not one knock out or even a semblance of one studded the eight events which went their run with the audience entirely apathetic as to the eventual results. Indeed quite a large percentage of those present took their leave prior to the final fight of the evening—that between the lightweight champion and Dundee—being announced.

True, Lojnikoff won just as he pleased. He won every round and without great difficulty, but the calibre of the opposition was (Continued in Next Col.)

ONE-SIDED BASEBALL OVER WEEK-END: 1 GAME TAKES 3 HOURS

MELROSE'S

RINK WIN

The final of Talkoo Club's lawn bowls rink championship was decided last week when W. Melrose's four (H. Kew, F. Simpson and H. Gilles) beat the rink led by R. Main (W. McKie, H. Higge and E. Wilson) 25-11.

BASEBALL MATCHES ARRANGED

A SPECIAL MEETING OF HONG KONG BASEBALL LEAGUE WAS HELD YESTERDAY TO ARRANGE THE INTERNATIONAL AND CHARITY FIXTURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

The International series will start on Sunday, when America and India will clash. On Saturday the first of the Charity series between United States Navy and Hong Kong will be played.

Following is the programme for the rest of the season.

Saturday, August 16:—Charity series—United States Navy v Hong Kong (first game).

Sunday, August 17:—International Series—United States v India.

Saturday, August 23:—Charity Series (second game).

International Series—Winner of United States v India game versus Portugal (holders).

Sunday, August 24:—International Series—China v Great Britain.

Saturday, August 31:—Charity Series (third game).

Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8:—Charity Series (last games).

Following have been chosen as conveners of the International teams:

Great Britain:—Sgt. Welford.

China:—F. C. Leung.

Portugal:—A. V. Gosano.

India:—K. Nazarin.

United States:—L. Pawloski.

As the League championship has already been decided the remaining games in the League will be fitted in during the week.

GAME POSTPONED

The Open Pairs Lawn Bowls game between S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar and W. McLeod and W. S. Dall, which was to have been played at Civil Service Cricket Club yesterday, was postponed at the last minute as Dall was on duty. The game will probably be played on Thursday.

such that Lojnikoff, as champion, should have finished the fight before the half-way mark was reached. But there, he can't punch . . . and until he learns how to, he'll still be a second-rater though he may remain champion . . . such is the standard of Shanghai boxing.

(By "Grandstand")

BOTH LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK-END PROVED TO BE ONE-SIDED VICTORIES, THE PENNANT-WINNING MINDANAOANS TRUNCING ROYAL ENGINEERS 27 TO 4 ON SATURDAY, WHILST 'GRANDPA' LEUNG'S CHUNG HWA MAROONS PROVED THEIR SUPERIORITY OVER BASEBALLERS WHEN THEY SMOTHERED CHUCK WAGGONER'S MOHAWKS 19 TO 8 IN A PAINFULLY SLOW GAME, WHICH LASTED ALMOST THREE HOURS.

The spirited Sappers' lack of practice for the past fortnight had a telling effect on them, when they committed a total of 12 miscues, whilst losing hurlers Mack Shaw and Micky Sarsfield were found for 16 solid blows by the merry-making mace-maulers, in a batting spree in which third-sacker Bowersox earned a perfect batting figure in three trips to the plate to chase in their runs with a trio of rasping singles.

Earl Wilson and "Greasy" Moore also had a good batting day with three safeties in four trips, the former connecting for the only three-bagger of the day.

Mound victor Tony Mascavage stopped the Sappers cold in the first frame when Sarsfield and Cork both took three healthy cuts of the ozone with the sacks choked, whilst the Minnies produced splurges of four, six and five tallies in the first three cantos and put on pressure in the fourth and fifth for clusters of eight and four markers in the next two semesters.

Hank Ruel and Lou Pawloski grounded out, whilst Tony Mascavage was whiffed in the sixth for the massacre to end. The Engineers manufactured three runs in the second session when Mack Shaw clouted a two-run single, whilst "Blondie" Taylor chased him home with a stinging single to right.

Both Mascavage and Ruel accounted for six via the strikeout route, whilst Sarsfield fanned four and Shaw whiffed three.

As the box scores had not been published prior to to-day I print them herewith:

ENGINEERS	H.	R.	E.
T. Fox	1	0	1
Bob Foley	0	2	1
Mack Shaw	1	1	1
Taylor	2	0	2
J. Welford	1	0	2
M. Sarsfield	0	0	2
Cork	0	0	2
Harper	0	1	0
Davis	0	0	1

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Hits	1	2	0	1	0	1	5	10

U.S.S. MINDANAO	H.	R.	E.
E. V. Wilson	3	5	0
H. Ruel	1	4	0
L. Pawloski	1	3	1
T. Mascavage	3	5	0
McKenzie	0	2	0
Rogers	0	1	0
R. Wilson	1	0	0
Bowersox	3	2	1
Moore	3	3	1
Daniels	1	2	1

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	4	6	5	8	4	0	x	27
Hits	1	5	2	5	3	0	x	16

Panthers beat Empress Skating rink by two clear goals in the hockey on roller skates League yesterday. Ward and Eric Chung scored for the winners.

SCHOOLBOY REPORTED SWIMMING STAR

THIS LAD IS 15 NOW, BUT SOME DAY HE MAY BE AS PROMINENT IN THE SWIMMING WORLD AS JOHNNY WEISMULLER, RALPH FLANAGAN, AND ELEANOR HOLM.

He's Kenny Marsh, member of Roosevelt High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and any swimming coach in Iowa would give a lot if the boy were on his team.

Competing in the Junior B division, he swam the 40-yard free-style in 0:10.4, two-tenths second better than his former best time, and the 100-yard free-style in 0:57, nearly two seconds faster than his old time. In both events, he was well ahead of the times recorded by older competitors.

Marsh in 44 competitive starts has led the field across the finish line 42 times and has swum on 15 winning relay teams. He holds the State A.A.U. men's record for the 100-yard free-style.

Dave Armbruster, coach at the University of Iowa, hopes Marsh fulfills his plans to enroll there upon graduation from high school.

The youth began swimming when eight years old and almost ever since he has been swimming from four to six hours a day. He is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, and has tremendous arm strength. His coach, Lea Baughman, says he's just beginning to utilise his strength and that he will make even faster times.

Table To Date

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	7	1	.875
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	5	3	.625
U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	5	.375
Royal Engineers	2	6	.250
South China	1	6	.146

* Since withdrawn.

Al Lau's Hurling

Behind the steady hurling of Al Lau, the Maroons overpowered Hong Kong Baseballers 19 to 5, despite the fact that the losers paraded three slubbers, who yielded a total of seven blows for six innings.

Maroon hurler Al Lau, who toiled on the slab for five frames, fanned four and walked two during his mound tenure, whilst relief chucker Wally Ching, who finished the game, struck out two and passed one in two innings of masterful pitching, climaxed by a thrilling twin-killing.

After the Chung Hwamen had unleashed a hitting attack which netted them eight markers in the fifth, "Doc" Molthen was called in to put out the fire.

The mound maestro retired Pete Choy and "Specs" Shum in order, but the damage was done. In the fifth, the "Bone-setter" whiffed Ken Lo, Morocco Chan and "Grandpa" Leung to retire the side, for the only shut-out frame.

Although the Baseballers bungled 11 chances, some sparkling fielding gem were dished out, the most brilliant being a dazzling double-killing completed by the Mohawk key-stones pair of Nip Lum and Mark Wong, when the former froze on the Morocco Chan's blazing liner and relayed the pellet to second sacker Wong to tag Bill Chang off the bag.

Maroon first-sacker Hank Chan earned batting honours by clouting a three-in-four to chase in a total of five mates, whilst Carvalho, former Recreio diamond artist, holding the initial station for the Baseballers, connected for two-in-three with a double and a single in his first appearance of the season.

Box scores are as follows:

CHUNG HWA	H.	R.	E.
P. F. Choy	0	2	0
Shum	0	1	0
Chung	0	1	0
K. H. Lo	0	0	0
Bill Chang	0	2	0
M. Chan	1	2	0
W. Ching	1	3	1
F. C. Leung	0	0	0
U. T. Chan	3	4	2
Babe Chinn	1	1	0
T. H. Loong	0	1	0
Willie Woo	1	1	3
Al Lau	0	1	0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	1	6	3	8	0	x	19
Hits	0	0	1	3	2	1	x	7

MOHAWKS	H.	R.	E.
Nip Lum	2	2	3
Waggoner	0	1	1
Molthen	0	1	0
Elder	0	1	0
M. Wong	0	0	1
Smith	0	1	2
Carvalho	2	0	2
E. M. Marques	0	1	2
Tony Silva	0	1	0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	8
Hits	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	4

Mr. E. O. Kirby paid 600 guineas for Methuen, winner of the Melbourne Grand National Hurdle, and won a £3,000 to £50 bet on the course when his horse won by two lengths. The £50-1 was on offer at the rise of the barrier.

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'VARSITY CRICKET NETS UP

By "Incog"

University cricketers evidently believe in the old axiom that the "early bird catches the worm," for while other cricket clubs have not so much as thought of practice, they have had a few nets already, and have fixed Tuesdays and Thursdays as official days for practice at Pokfulam.

In conversation with S. Mahmoud, Hon. Secretary of University Cricket Club I learned that all the old reliables will be available this season, but though no definite news has yet been received regarding the arrival of fresh blood, indications are that some very useful cricketers will be going up this term from Malaya.

Rumjahn's Coaching

After a slump that lasted not a few seasons, University cricket took a definite turn for the better last season, and this was attributed by the undergraduates to the many evenings that A. H. Rumjahn, former University captain and Indian R. C. 1st XI batsman spent on the Pokfulam ground, showing the University men the finer points of the game.

Mahmoud says that they will be holding their annual meeting meeting shortly, but even before that comes off they were be inviting Rumjahn to act as coach to the team once again.

Many Players Away

In the meantime the attendance on practice days has not been exceptionally large due to the fact that a good many cricketers are at present away from the Colony for the Summer vacation, but they are all expected back soon, and cricket at Pokfulam should be in full swing by the end of the month.

The Sunday morning cricket matches that featured University cricket in the past have received a setback in that those of the cricketers remaining in the Colony for the holidays have had their time claimed by other activities.

"We hope to start our programme of matches for 1941-42 early next month," said Mahmoud, who added that already a few provisional fixtures have been arranged, there to be confirmed as soon as arrangements can be made for the use of the ground, the Tennis Club having prior claim during the Summer season.

Mohammedan Sporting Club qualified for the Semi-final of the Indian Football Association Shield tournament by beating Calcutta Football Club by 4 goals to 1 on Sunday.—Reuter.

INDIAN SOLDIERS ROLLER-SKATING

The latest converts to hockey on roller skates are some of the Indian troops stationed at Lyamun, and a few of them will be playing in the League shortly.

BOMBER COMMAND BOXING

Boxing, always popular in the R.A.F., is being stimulated still more by the visits which Pilot Officer Len Harvey, British and Empire heavyweight champion, is paying to Air Force stations. Pilot Officer Harvey, with muscles bulging through his tunic, is a physical fitness officer in the R.A.F.V.R.

One of his most successful exhibition bouts was recently given in a hangar at one of the stations of the Bomber Command. He was the highlight of a long boxing programme in which airmen from many other stations took part. The spectators included the Air Officer Commanding the Group, many members of the W.A.A.F., who were given ringside seats, bomber crews and ground staff. All together there was a "gate" of about 1,200.

The hangar was cleared of aircraft and a ring set up in the middle, brightly lit by lamps swung from the high roof. With the massive steel doors closed the hangar made an ideal boxing theatre. W.A.A.F. members sold programmes until the fights began, then they rushed to the seats provided for them. And on the edge of the crowd stood bomber crews in their flying kit. They had to leave before the end of the show, to make last-minute preparations for a raid on Germany.

The Army cooperated by providing a demonstration of the "do's and don'ts" of boxing, an amusing and instructive item in which dirty fighting was exaggerated to point out the moral and explain the duties of a referee. It was the only occasion on which the spectators were allowed to use their voices during the fighting.

Officers and airmen were brought from other bomber stations by car and bus. One station sent its orchestra. One of the keenest spectators was Len Harvey who, both before and after his own bout, watched critically from the ringside the performance of the other boxers. Later he discussed the fights with the stations' physical training instructors.

As the uniformed crowd left the hangar the bombers were taking off from the aerodrome.

Indications are that Corwin Clatt will further his education at University of Notre Dame. Corwin Clatt was East Peoria Community High's All-Illinois full-back. A 200-pound battering ram, he was besieged by alumni and representatives of more than 30 colleges.

Owing to the fact that Volunteer duties etc., have made it impossible for Talkoo and Recreio to arrange a date for the completion of their Second Division Lawn Bowls League game which was abandoned, owing to rain, on August 2, it has been decided to leave it over till the end of the season.

A newly-fledged Officer of Royal Air Force is Pilot Officer C. F. Walters, better known as the Worcestershire captain for five years, and who led an England XI against Australia in the 1934 Test series. Walters, who has just completed a training course as an Administrative Officer, has now taken up his duties at R.A.F. Headquarters.

SUTCLIFFE AND HUTTON IN BIG STAND

THE ARMY-AIR FORCE MATCH AT HARROGATE WAS THE OUTSTANDING CRICKET FIXTURE DURING THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3. EACH SIDE HAD A VICTORY EARLIER THIS SEASON AND THE ARMY WON THIS TIME BY 8 WICKETS, PASSING THE AIRMEN'S TOTAL OF 144 FOR THE LOSS OF TWO WICKETS.

SAPPERS WIN ARMY LEAGUE

Royal Engineers "A" won "A" division of Army Tennis League with 23 points, being four points ahead of their nearest rivals, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Sappers dropped only four sets during the League.

"B" Division is expected to be concluded in 10 days' time, after which the Army Championships commence.

Following are the final official standings of the teams in "A" League:

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Engineers "A"	27	23	4	23
R.A.O.C.	27	19	8	19
F. A. Staff	27	18	9	18
R.A.M.C.	27	16	11	16
R.A.S.C.	27	12	15	12
R.A.P.C.	27	11	16	11
5th A.A. R.A.	27	11	16	11
Royal Signals	27	11	16	11
Indian M.S.	27	9	18	9
Royal Engineers "B"	27	5	22	5

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are to-day's League Tennis fixtures:

First Division—H.K.U.T.C. v. C.D.R.; C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.
Second Division—C.R.C. v. A.T.C.; K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.; S.C.A.A. v. K.T.G.C.A.

Frank Kovacs and Bobby Riggs are regarded by Don McNeill as the big threats to a successful defence of his American lawn tennis singles crown this Summer.

Flying-officer Dan Maskell, professional of the All-England Club, beat Squadron-leader C. E. Malfroy, the New Zealand Davis Cup player, in a Red Cross lawn tennis tournament at Bournemouth recently by 6-0, 7-5. This was one of the rare occasions when amateurs and professionals were opposed in a serious match.

NO ONE STAYING BEHIND

Cable advice was received this morning that all members of Eastern's touring football team have left Thursday Island and are expected in Hong Kong at the end of the month.

WAH KIU JOIN THE LEADERS

Two games were played yesterday in the Basketball League, Wah Kiu beat Ping Ching by 49 points to 39 and Yu Leang getting the better of Victoria Recreation Club by 45-35.

Following were the scorers. Wah Kiu:—Tang Fuk-hon (25), Lau Ping-chen (8), Tang Yiu-ming (6), Ng Hoi-fu (6), Luk Yan-kan (2). Ping Ching:—Chan Yiu-ming (14), Cheung Yiu-ming (14), Shing Yan-wing (3), Fung Chik-hung (1), Lo Pak-tat (4), Wong Ho-kwong (1), Fu Kwok-tung (2).

Yu Leang:—Ng Chi-ngan (17), Leung Wai-hung (14), Tao Sai-wong (4), Kam Yim (6), Sam Cho-wing (2), Wong Tung-cho (2). V.R.C.:—A. Alves (18), A. Alves (2), J. Xavier (6), R. Maxwell (6), M. Gutierrez (2), G. N. Gosano (1), L. Rosario (2).

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	2	2	0	4
National University	2	2	0	4
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	2	2	0	4
Wah Kiu	2	2	0	4
Residents' Union	3	2	1	4
Black Cats	2	1	1	2
Youths	2	1	1	2
Sing Tao	2	1	1	2
Indian Police	2	1	1	2
Yu Leang	3	1	2	2
V.R.C.	1	0	1	0
Bank Union	2	0	2	0
Trojans	2	0	2	0
Ping Ching	3	0	3	0

English Football Association lost 20,287 last season.

Horace Lindrum, Australian snooker champion, has started a campaign for war funds, and two exhibition matches have produced £25.15 and £35.

The Quarter Final game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship between C. S. Rossetti's championship rink (R. Bass, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) and U. M. Omar's rink (K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and B. W. Omar) will be played on Sunday night at Kowloon Football Club.

In the inter-zone finals in the French tennis tourney in Paris on August 3 Destremieu defeated Ramillon by 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, while Boussus and Destremieu defeated Ramillon and Narisi 7-5, 3-6, 5-7, 6-4. In the ladies' singles Mlle. Weverts defeated Mme. Peghers by 6-3, 6-0, while in the ladies' doubles Mlle. Weverts and Mlle. de Saint-Omer won by 6-3, 6-1 against Mlle. Charpenel and Mlle. Vives.

Easier Golf

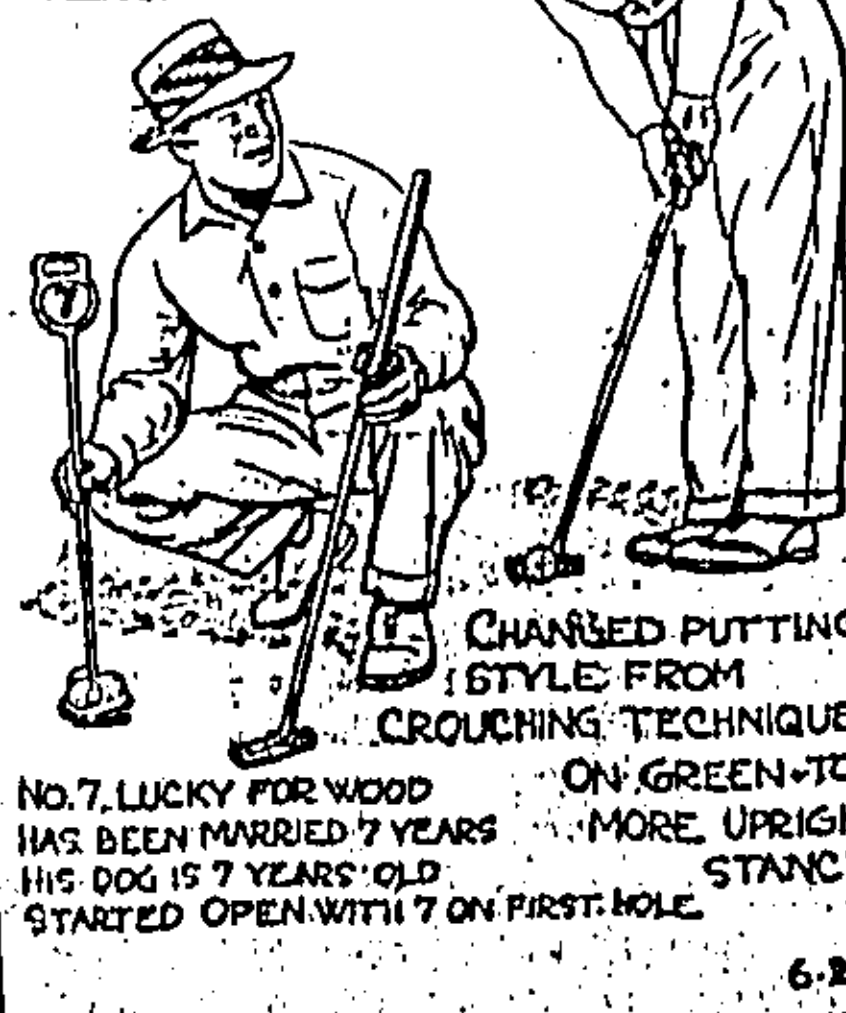
CHANGED PUTTING STANCE

By Best Ball

When Craig Wood changed his putting style, he apparently also changed his luck as far as major championships are concerned. For thirteen long years Wood had watched others win that most coveted of golf titles, the National Open Championship. This year, his fourteenth attempt for the crown, he struck the jackpot. Three strokes ahead of the field in both the National Open and the Masters' Open is sufficient proof that Wood's present position as top ranking pro is deserved. Powerfully built, around 200 pounds in weight, the present champion is one of the longer hitters, skilled at all shots from tee to green with the added ability of concentrating hard on each stroke.

For years Wood putted from a crouching stance over the ball, his left leg braced. He discovered that this bending over position tightened his muscles, prevented him from hitting the ball in a relaxed and comfortable position. The result was a stroke on the

CRAIG WOOD, POPULAR NEW NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPION, OWES RECENT SUCCESSES TO PHENOMENAL PUTTING



jabbing side and a goodly share of missed putts. Recently Wood switched to an upright style reminiscent of the form employed by Bobby Jones when the Atlantan was winning championships. Wood, as illustrated here, now stands more upright and strokes the ball in a smooth, even method.

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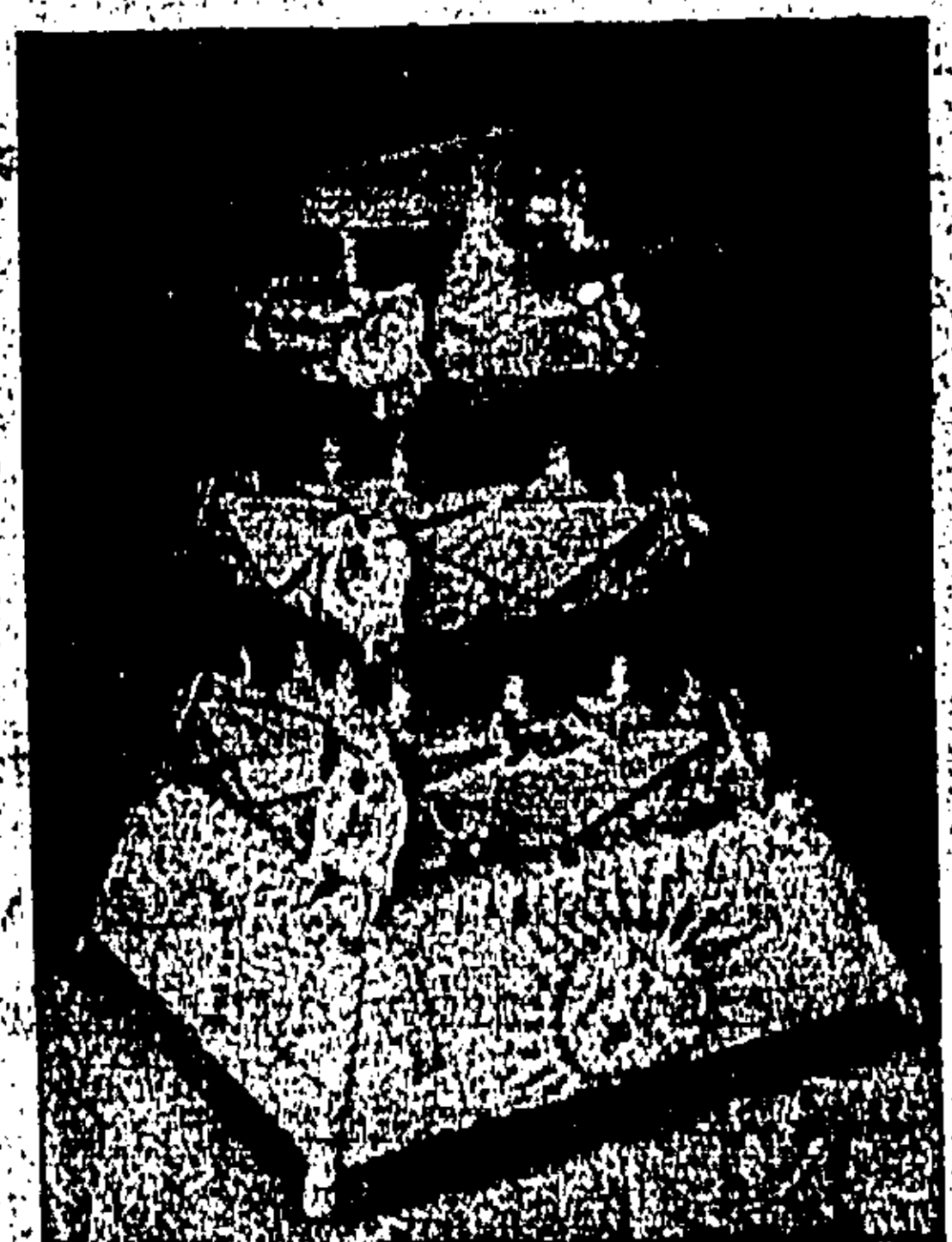
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RUSSIAN RAIDS ON BERLIN

DESPITE THE OFFICIAL GERMAN STATEMENT THAT RAIDING RUSSIAN BOMBERS WERE TURNED BACK BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ON SUNDAY NIGHT, THEY APPARENTLY REACHED SOME SUBURBS OF BERLIN, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM NEWS-PAPER, "AFTONBLADET."

The correspondent said that the noise of the raiders was apparently not heard in the centre of the capital but the people in the suburbs declared that the sound of Russian machines was clearly different from that of British planes.—Reuter.

Nazi 'Explanation'

Following "explanation" of Russian air raids on Berlin was given by a German military spokesman last night over the German wireless.

"The Soviet High Command knew it had no superiority in the air and that was why they were now carrying out propaganda flights in which they dropped bombs on Reich territory.

"Although only a small number of planes were sent, Soviet propaganda tried to magnify the results of these attacks which had no military value."—Reuter.

Large Fires

Many incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on military targets when Berlin was bombed by Soviet planes on Sunday night, according to the Moscow radio, quoted by London. Large fires were observed from the Soviet bombers, all but one of which returned safely. — Reuter.

Plenty Of Leave For Garrison

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

"THE SITUATION AT TOBRUK HAS ACHIEVED THE PARADOX OF AT ONCE BEING EXTREMELY LIVELY AND ENTIRELY STABLE," DECLARED AN ENGLISH CAPTAIN WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THERE WITH OTHERS OF TOBRUK'S GARRISON FOR A SPELL OF LEAVE.

"Our Axis pals seem slow in learning from our own mistakes, for they still persist in the Stuka dive-bombing which was very wasteful as regards bombs which rarely do anything but bury themselves in the sand.

"I have experienced hundreds of Stuka raids and their effect was really negligible, although the enemy seem to think our nerves are shaken by them."

The captain said that his leave ship was heavily bombed as they left Tobruk harbour, but was not hit.

The best reply to Axis propaganda that Tobruk is besieged is the presence in Cairo of troops on leave from Tobruk who had no difficulty in getting out, and anticipate returning to duty in Tobruk shortly with equal facility.

"Preferential Service"

Tobruk, in fact, is being serviced and maintained perhaps more copiously than other front-line positions because it was possible to send labour consignments at one time by sea as by land.

The troops here, with the brown toughened skin of Tobruk habitues, receive preferential service in the restaurants. As one proprietor said, "the gentlemen of Tobruk always come first in my establishment."

MATTER OF DAYS NOT WEEKS

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Russian resistance wavered or shown signs of weakening.

The question which naturally arises is how long will Hitler's hard-pressed troops be able to continue the pressure without showing signs of failure?

THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE POWERS OF HUMAN ENDURANCE AND BOTH SIDES MUST BE NEAR THAT LIMIT.

The odds, however, are in favour of the Russians, who are fighting in defence of their homes. They are slowly falling back upon shortened lines of communication and are increasing their resources of men and material.

The German advance must necessarily extend the German effort and increase the strain with every mile left behind.

It is now obvious that some definite result must emerge from the wide-dung battlefield in a matter of days rather than weeks. — Reuter.

Battles Rage On

The following is the text of a Soviet communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 11 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday:

"During August 11, our troops continued fighting the enemy in Soltsi, Smolensk, Byelaya-Tserkov and Uman directions.

"Our air force continued to inflict blows on enemy panzer troops and infantry, attacked his aircraft on aerodromes and bombed a large railway bridge, Chernovod, on the Danube and ships at Constanza. The bridge was destroyed.

Air Clashes

"On August 10, 39 enemy planes were destroyed. We lost 25. According to precise information now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 10, six German planes were brought down not five as previously reported.

"The other day between 60 and 70 German-Finnish planes attempted to carry out a mass raid in the Murmansk area. Detachments of enemy planes were intercepted by our fighters and fierce air combats ensued. With the very first vigorous, powerful onslaught, our fliers broke up the enemy's battle formation and the centralised direction of the German-Finnish planes was lost. They scattered into small groups. — Reuter.

BIRTH

TOONE.—At Nelson, B. C., Canada, on 9th August, 1941, to Anne Toone (nee Dowbiggin), a daughter.

KEARNEY SHIPYARD STRIKE

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN OFFERED THE KEARNEY SHIPYARDS FOR "IMMEDIATE POSSESSION AND OPERATION" BY THE FEDERAL SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY, STATES A MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK.

Work at Kearney, New Jersey, is at a standstill following a strike of 18,000 workers which is variously reported as involving Union representation and the formation of a modified Union, and the presentation of wage-increase demands.

Orders for U.S. \$493,000,000 worth of war and merchant shipping are in hand at these yards. — Reuter.

STRANGE ATTACK IN STREET

AN ATTACK ON A EUROPEAN, DOUGLAS GIFFORD, WAS MADE BY THREE CHINESE ARMED WITH HAMMERS AT THE JUNCTION OF TAIPO ROAD AND MAPLE STREET YESTERDAY EVENING.

Gifford, who resides at No. 206, Sai Yeung Choi Street, has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

He was walking along the road when the men suddenly attacked him. One man has been detained.

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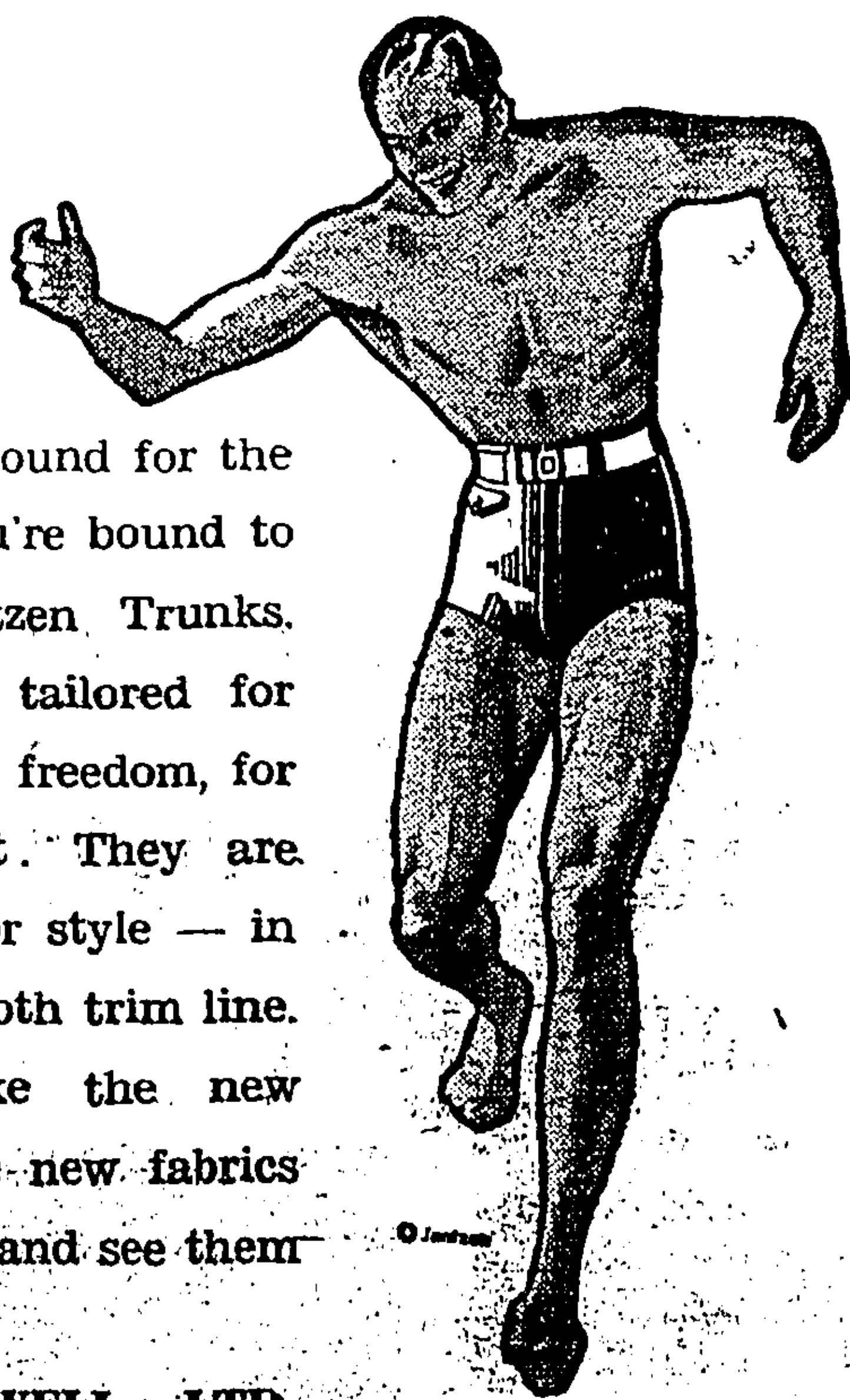
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HUNDRED JAPANESE LEAVE H.K.

LESS THAN 100 JAPANESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, HAVE LEFT HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE FREEZING OF JAPANESE CREDITS IN THE COLONY. IT WAS AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED BY THE "CHINA MAIL" THIS AFTERNOON.

Most of them left for Canton where they are awaiting ships to take them to Formosa, Shanghai and Japan.

This morning the Shirogane Maru left for Canton with a full list of passengers who included some 20 Japanese nationals, mostly women and children.

IMPORTANT MOVES IN TOKYO EXPECTED

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, called at the Foreign Office in Tokyo yesterday afternoon.

With both Sir Robert Craigie and the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, in Tokyo, important developments are expected very shortly. — Reuter.

Heavy Programme For President In Washington

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WHO, IN WASHINGTON, IS BELIEVED TO BE IMMERSSED IN STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL AT A RENDEZVOUS SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC, IS EXPECTED TO BE BACK AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO-MORROW OR THURSDAY.

According to the German-controlled radio of Paris, American defence chiefs have joined the President and Mr. Churchill and that a decision "regarding Japan" may be expected to-day.

Washington officials continue to take the line that they know nothing about secret Atlantic meetings, but it is said that the President will have some heavy work awaiting him on his return, both in the international and national sphere.

One issue will be America's relations with Vichy.

There are indications that the United States will extend direct Lease-Lend aid to General de Gaulle's forces in Africa if Vichy takes any further steps in "collaboration" with the Axis, which is indicative because officials consider that virtual complete French capitulation to German demands is imminent.

Reports from Vichy seem to be agreed that facilities will be given for "transport privileges" to Germany, which in Washington is regarded as opening a wedge for German use of French bases for use against Britain.

Hitherto, de Gaulle has received his military supplies entirely from Britain.

If America breaks off diplomatic relations with Vichy, as seems highly probable, fighting planes, bombers, tanks and machine-guns will be supplied to the Free French forces from America in large quantities.

Congress Battle

President Roosevelt, on his return, will also be confronted with other imposing problems on the world and national fronts, including the task of providing war aid to Russia without bringing closer the risk of war with Japan.

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ANOTHER INTENSE SPASM OF EFFORT BY GERMANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WITH BITTER fighting rising to a new crescendo of violence on the three main battlefields of Russia, expert observers are inclined to believe that it represents the last intense spasm of effort by the Germans to achieve decisive victory before the front settles down to quiet from sheer exhaustion.

According to Berlin, in an official statement, the Luftwaffe has now launched another giant offensive on all sectors of the front, in order, they say, "to hasten the collapse of the last Russian resistance," but which means another desperate attempt to blast a way through for the ground forces.

Acknowledging the weight of the new German onslaught, high quarters in Moscow indicate that fresh reserves are being thrown in to stem the offensive, and that the German attacks are everywhere solidly held except in the southern Ukraine, where some progress continues.

The Red Army, however, is hitting mightily at the huge German forces in this area, and nipping off the Nazi mechanised spearheads systematically, with powerful flank attacks.

On "The Verge"

The German statements follow their customary tone. The Russians are on "the verge" of collapse at all points, and the huge Russian military forces in the Ukraine have been "split up."

"Terrific Stuka attacks" have demolished, says Dr. Goebbels,

trucks, and long transport trains. They claim that "Odessa is threatened with encirclement" (as Kiev was five weeks ago) and that Kiev is (still) gravely menaced. — International News Service.

Relations With Mexico

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Daily Express" in London this morning says that a resumption of Anglo-Mexican relations will be one of the first things discussed when the Mexican Congress resumes its sessions shortly.

Diplomatic relations were severed after Mexico had expropriated British-owned oil properties in Mexico. — International News Service.

PAI GIVEN KEY COMMAND?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to Japanese newspaper reports in Shanghai this morning, General Pai Chung-hsi has been appointed to command over some 300,000 crack Chinese troops which are being assigned to defence positions along the Yunnan - Indo - China - Kwangsi borders.

These troops, it is further alleged, will cooperate with the British forces in Singapore and Burma in the event of hostilities breaking out. — Our Own Correspondent.

A.R.P. IN SAIGON

The Municipal Authorities in Saigon are taking steps to repair and extend the present air raid shelter facilities. — Reuter.

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'AMBASSADOR' TO SAIGON

JAPAN IS TO SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY WITH THE FULL RANK OF AN AMBASSADOR TO INDO-CHINA "IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." IT WAS LEARNED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The Vichy Government has accepted this Japanese proposal which in the words of a Hanoi official statement "is in keeping with the spirit of the joint defence of Indo-China as concluded between Japan and France."

HIGH TENSION IN FRANCE

All-Day Conferences Of Leaders

U.S. NEAR TO BREAK WITH VICHY

American relations with Vichy are rapidly approaching a climax and a break in the very near future would be hardly surprising, according to well-informed circles in Washington.

The relations between the two governments have been hanging by little more than a thread for some time and have probably been maintained by Washington chiefly to provide the administration with an important European listening-post and also in the hope that American influence would to some extent offset German pressure on Vichy.

However, information indicating increasing subservience of Vichy to Berlin continues to hand — the latest report being that the French have agreed to send French troops in Indo-China to the borders of the Yunnan and Kwangsi provinces to protect the Japanese flank in northern Indo-China against the Chinese.

Strong Feelings

It is reported in Washington that this is being done by Vichy at German insistence. Additional indications of an approaching diplomatic break are the strong feelings among some high and influential officials in Washington that the only realistic attitude in the Nazi threatened

STRANGE NEW PLANE

The famous aviator, James Mollison, now employed in the Air Transport Auxiliary, has just returned to England after a remarkable flight to French Equatorial Africa.

He had ferried a "Cunliffe Owen Flying Wing," a new unorthodox type of Civil aircraft to the Free French forces in Chad.

This aircraft is designed to carry freight and passengers in the centre section of the wings instead of in the fuselage.

The "Flying Wing" has no fuselage in the normal sense of the word; the tail controls are connected to the centre wing by two booms.

The great feature of this structure is that it enables a greater load to be carried with less engine power than in other aircraft. It is fully expected that after the war this new design of aircraft will have a revolutionising effect on civil aviation. — British Wireless.

world is that "those who are not for us are against us." The French actions scarcely argue Vichy leanings towards the Democratic cause.

Moreover, the supine way in which the French have handed Indo-China to the Japanese as a gift has evoked considerable disgust in Washington, especially after the French insistence that honour in Syria could only be saved by fighting the British. — Reuters.

PREVARICATION AND DISTORTION BY VICHY

THE THREAT TO DAKAR occupied a prominent place in London press comment yesterday.

"The Times," in a leader, said "there seems no limits to the prevarication and distortion of facts to which Vichy is willing to descend in pursuit of a policy of collaboration with Hitlerite Germany."

"A thick veil is held over what is going on in French North and Northwest Africa, but Great Britain and the United States must be prepared at any time to find themselves confronted with German infiltration on the Syrian model, involving the use of Dakar and other bases against British and American shipping in the South Atlantic."

"The hasty exit of the Germans and Italians as soon as the Allied forces crossed the Syrian border was made the basis for disingenuous protests by Vichy who, calmly ignoring all that had happened previously, argued that since the Germans and Italians had already gone, there was no longer any reason for the British to do anything about it."

"The same disingenuous attitude stamps their reply to the American demand for clarification of their attitude for the defence of their Empire."

Vichy Reply

Mr. Sumner Welles expressed doubts of their determination to defend points which possession of or use by the Axis powers would threaten American interests, and

pointed out that not only had Vichy consented to the Japanese seizure of bases in French Indo-China, but also offered no resistance when the German and Italian forces used the facilities in Syria to operate against the British.

"Vichy, replying, said there was nothing of complacency with which they tolerated Axis encroachment, but plumed themselves with the determination with which they resisted the British invasion. This they describe as aggression, glossing over the Japanese action in Indo-China as in no way detracting from French rights."

Words Without Meaning

To a people capable of arguing in this way, words cease to

German Demands For Military Bases In Africa

THE POLITICAL TENSION IN VICHY REMAINS HIGH, SAYS THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH," WHICH REPORTS THAT DAY-LONG AND CONSTANT CONFERENCES ARE GOING ON BETWEEN MARSHAL PETAIN, ADMIRAL DARLAN, GENERALS WEYGAND AND HUNTZIGER.

It is generally thought that yesterday's meeting would be forced to decide, one way or the other, on the German "suggestions."

E. B. Wareing, writing in the "Daily Telegraph," says that what is actually on the Cabinet's agenda is the demand for "facilities" at Dakar, Algiers, Casablanca and Bizerta.

"The references to 'shortening the German lines of communication,' says Wareing, must be read in connection with the fact that Bizerta is only about 130 miles from the Italian port of Trapani, whereas the route now used for reinforcing the German and Italian armies in Libya — from Catania to Tripoli — is more than twice that distance.

The top of Bizerta is also less accessible to British bombers than Tripoli.

To cede rights of any kind in Bizerta, says Wareing, would mean opening Tunisia to the Germans, and in effect extending the field of action of Rommel's troops from Libya into French North Africa.

"The moment has now almost arrived when Vichy has to decide once and for all between friendship with the United States and that of Germany," adds Wareing.

Bizerta Issue

Arguing that Bizerta is the most likely point on which Vichy would yield, because of the more direct American interest in the preservation of French sovereignty over the Atlantic ports, Wareing asserts that from quarters close to President Roosevelt a hint had already been given that the United States might find it essential to prevent Germany from using Dakar.

The cession of Casablanca would also imply a degree of Franco-German collaboration which might cause the United States to withdraw recognition of Vichy, and confer it on the Free French administration.

Dentz Incident

Vichy announced the dispatch of a protest to Great Britain against the internment of General Dentz and other officers, but no such note had been received in London up to Saturday.

The Dentz incident is only a minor aspect of the renewed crisis which descended on Vichy and made it necessary to recall General Weygand from North

have any meaning. Whether they are really deceiving themselves does not matter very greatly. What is important is that Great Britain and the United States should not allow themselves to be deceived or confused.

"Vichy is not France, and does not represent the French nation, but so long as it controls a great part of the French Empire and the French fleet, we must be prepared for any betrayal."

The "Daily Express," in a leading article, asks what will the United States do over the threat to Dakar, adding that "President Roosevelt may decide to wait for the point to develop. If he does he will bear in mind the lesson that Britain learned from Norway 18 months ago. According to tradition, we waited for Germany to strike first, but Germany invaded in such wholesale fashion that she could not be dislodged on even seriously attacked." — Reuters.

Africa, and Germany was determined to force Weygand to show his hand and offer "collaboration" in Africa.

The Vichy Cabinet will, on Monday, concludes Wareing, really be once again discussing who will win the war. Admiral Darlan is convinced the Germans are bound to do so, but Huntziger is believed to hold the opposite opinion. Marshal Petain is undecided and General Weygand's views are probably much the same as Huntziger's.

"Complete Calm"

Discussions between the Vichy Ministers which have followed closely upon each other since Saturday were continued yesterday morning, stated the Vichy News Agency last night.

They included an interview yesterday between General Huntziger, Minister for War, and General Weygand, Marshal Petain's Delegate-General in North Africa.

Other ministerial talks were going on at the same time.

The Vichy News Agency stated: "These discussions have given the impression of a wide-scale consultation of which the Cabinet Council meeting expected this afternoon would appear to be the crowning point. They have been conducted in an atmosphere of complete calm, presaging no crisis. No sign of nervousness has been perceptible."

In support of this, the Agency mentions the attendance of Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan and other Ministers at theatrical and operatic performances.

No Statements

Well-informed circles were reported yesterday as stating the view that any announcement of an important decision concerning foreign policy in the immediate future is out of the question.

"The Agency also stated: 'Contrary to certain allusions in the Paris Press, there would appear to have been no personal questions involved, the talks being directed to effective understanding between all members of the Government who gave their views on the many problems approached.' — Reuters."

"Current Matters"

General Weygand, who has been having talks with Admiral Darlan and Marshal Petain in Vichy, left for Algiers yesterday afternoon, according to Lyons Radio.

During the afternoon, he attended the Cabinet Council meeting, with Marshal Petain presiding, at which a report on the prospect of this season's harvest and the position regarding meat supplies was made by the Minister of Agriculture.

THAILAND DELEGATION IN SAIGON

The Thailand delegation to the Boundary Commission arrived yesterday in Saigon from Bangkok.

"It is understood that meetings will begin very soon and 'are likely to include economic discussions.' — Reuters."

PIPELINE ACROSS AMERICA

A joint plan for the construction of 1,820 miles of oil pipeline system has been submitted to Mr. Harold Ickes, Petroleum Defence Administrator, by 11 large oil companies yesterday in New York.

The system would be capable of delivering a quarter million barrels of oil daily into the New York area from the south-west.

The plans call for an immediate start and completion within nine months, and the formal agreement would become effective as soon as Mr. Ickes approves the plan and the President proclaims the line necessary for national defence.

A proclamation to this effect from the President would clear the way for the creation of a jointly-owned \$80,000,000 "National Defence Pipeline Inc.," the financing of which is being arranged through private placement of five-year notes.

Field surveying by aerial photography is already under way, and this will ensure the start of the initial project with the minimum of delay. — Reuters.

ter of Agriculture. "The rest of the meeting," said the Radio announcement, "was devoted to current matters."

Not Present

A Vichy message states that General Weygand did not attend yesterday afternoon's Cabinet meeting. He left for Algiers before it started. — Reuters.

CONGRESS WARNED

Importance Of Army Extension

DANGER TO FOREIGN POLICY

IF CONGRESS failed to extend the service of the army rank and file it would have an "exceedingly bad" psychological effect on the international situation, declared the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Hull authorised the direct quotation of the words "exceedingly bad" in order to emphasise them. He declined to discuss specific details of the Army Extension Legislation, but said he was considering the general effect of failure to pass some extension would have on American foreign relations.

Replying to a question whether the present dangers to the United States warranted some extension, Mr. Cordell Hull said that reading the newspaper headlines should emphasise that the dangers do exist.

When told that some members of Congress appeared fully unaware of these dangers, Mr. Hull replied that that seemed to be the matter.

He recalled that he had made numerous statements over a period of years warning the people regarding the objectives of certain nations in the direction of unlimited conquest by force.

No Offer To Japan

Mr. Hull declared as baseless the report that the United States had offered a plan of settlement, involving certain concessions to Japan, if the Japanese would withdraw from the Axis.

Mr. Hull said the settlement of American-Japanese differences must include all fundamental questions involved in the present conflict of policies, and added that if the United States took up anything with Japan regarding a general settlement, it would be based on all fundamental principles which the United States had enunciated during the past few years.—Reuter.

Congress Doubtful

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Final enactment of the legislation extending the term of service of draftees appears to be in doubt. Arrangements have been made for the House of Representatives to meet two hours earlier than usual to-day to begin balloting. Observers in close touch with House opinion forecast that the House will approve an extension for six months, possibly a year, but not eighteen months, as approved by the Senate.—International News Service.

POLICE OFFICER ROBBED

Hung Wai-kwong, 18, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning for the theft of clothing, valued at \$500, from Inspector S. C. Saunders at No. 158, Caine Road, first floor, between June 1 and July 20. It was stated that in May, defendant went to Inspector Saunders and asked him for a job. He was taken on as an odd job cooie, but was dismissed about three weeks ago, because he was unreliable. The theft was not discovered until recently, and accused was arrested on information that most of the property stolen was recovered from pawnshops.

TAXI STRIKE WARNING

The Yellow Taxicab Company was standstill yesterday when its entire staff of drivers struck work following rejection by the company of demands for the reinstatement of two dismissed employees.

This morning, the strikers had still not returned to their posts. The Company yesterday published notices ordering the men to return to work otherwise they would be automatically dismissed.

The Secretary of the Company told the "China Mail" this morning that the since the Taxicab Drivers' Association had ordered the men not to resume duty, the Company was contemplating engaging non-Association drivers.

Later, An ultimatum by the Yellow Taxicab Company to drivers on strike to return to work within 24 hours expires at 12 noon to-day.

The Company reveals that some 30 non-Association drivers are standing by to operate the company's fleet of taxis should the men fail to resume work to-day.

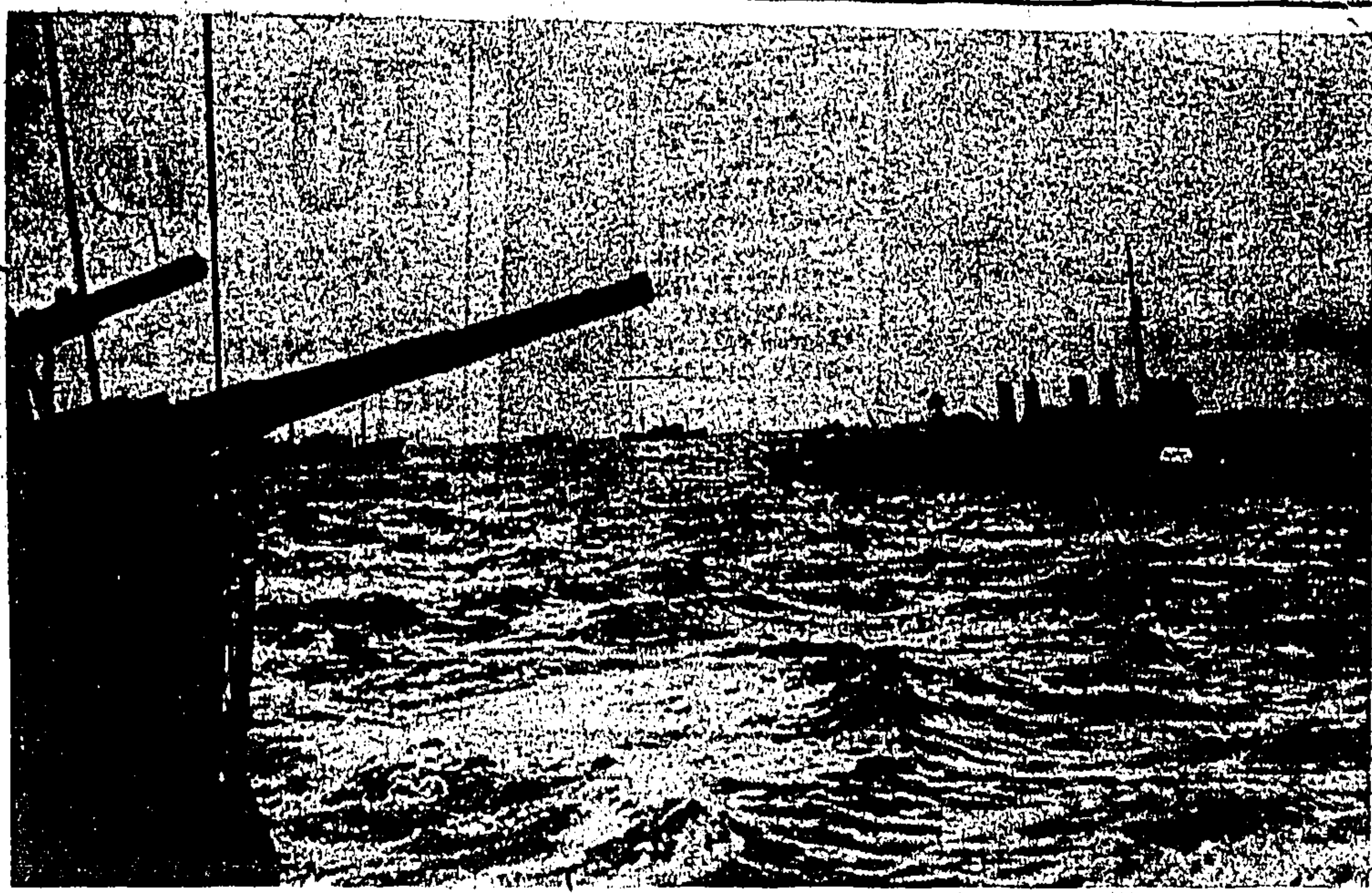
POLISH MISSION TO RUSSIA

AS A PRELIMINARY TO THE FORMATION IN RUSSIA OF A POLISH ARMY EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST AMERICAN MATERIAL, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED A MILITARY MISSION, HEADED BY GENERAL SZYSZKO-BOHUSZ, WHO IS EMPOWERED TO CONCLUDE A POLISH-SOVIET MILITARY AGREEMENT.

General Sikorski, Polish Premier, disclosed this at a Polish military rally in Scotland yesterday, when he declared that the "Polish-Soviet" agreement has brushed aside all sentimental considerations.

The Polish nation took a decidedly anti-German stand in September, 1939. In a life and death fight, and it will follow this road to the end.

"This attitude is dictated not only by our own interests, but also by the united British camp of liberty and freedom." — Reuter.



A convoy, including tankers laden with oil, cargo ships laden with planes and food vessels, etc., has just reached Britain after having been escorted by destroyers across the North Atlantic. Among the escort vessels were two ex-American destroyers and a Free French light cruiser. The safe arrival of the convoy represents another quiet, unspectacular victory typical of those being won every day in the Battle of the Atlantic. Photo shows — Ex-American destroyers with the convoy. The 4.7 gun of one of them, and another destroyer on the right of the picture, watches over the convoy. (Copyright, Fox).

FLEET AIR ARM RAID IN SYRACUSE HARBOUR

AN ATTACK BY THE Fleet Air Arm against a large merchant ship at Syracuse in Sicily and activity by the Royal Air Force in North Africa are reported in a R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday. It states:—

"Cyrenaica: On Saturday night Blenheims of the R.A.F. attacked gun repair shops at Bardia, starting a number of large bright fires. Enemy landing grounds at Gazala were also bombed and machine-gunned. Yesterday, Maryland bombers of the South African Air Force carried out attacks on enemy positions, motor-vehicles and personnel in the neighbourhood of Bardia.

"Tripolitania: On Saturday R.A.F. bombers demolished barracks and a block-house south of Misurata and also attacked enemy motor transport, vehicles and petrol-trailers in the same neighbourhood.

"All trailers were holed by machine-gun bullets and several lorries were overturned and destroyed. The formation then attacked two large ammunition and supply dumps at Buerat. The ammunition exploded and the personnel standing by were killed or wounded.

"Sicily: Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a torpedo attack on a large merchant vessel at Syracuse on Saturday. A quantity of bombs were also dropped at Augusta, one making a direct hit on a gasometer. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely."—Reuter.

FREEDOM OF PORTSMOUTH

The honorary freedom of Portsmouth is to be conferred on Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Harry Hopkins, on the Prime Minister in recognition of his eminent services to the nation and Empire and the great interest taken by him in the welfare of Portsmouth and its citizens, and on Mr. Hopkins, in recognition of his eminent services to the nation and British Empire as personal representative in England of the President of the U.S.A. for administration of the provisions of the Lend-Lease Act.—British Wireless.

KEARNEY SHIPYARD STRIKE

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN OFFERED THE KEARNEY SHIPYARDS FOR "IMMEDIATE POSSESSION AND OPERATION" BY THE FEDERAL SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY STATES A MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK.

Work at Kearney, New Jersey, is at a standstill following a strike of 18,000 workers which is variously reported as involving Union representation and the formation of a modified Union, and the presentation of wage increase demands.

Orders for U.S. \$493,000,000 worth of war and merchant shipbuilding are in hand at these yards. — Reuter.

Decisive Action

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Defence officials said that President Roosevelt will take decisive action to end the Federal Shipbuilding Corporation strike in Kearney, New Jersey, immediately on his return to Washington, probably on Wednesday, from his mystery cruise in the Atlantic.

The strike has tied up U.S. \$460,000,000 worth of naval and merchant shipbuilding. It is expected that President Roosevelt will order the Navy to take over the shipyards until normal operations can be resumed. — International News Service.

CHANGE IN POLICY IN BERMUDA

His Majesty's Government have decided advise the King that, in present circumstances, it is preferable that the Governor of Bermuda should be a civilian.

In order to facilitate the change, the present Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Denis Bernard has placed his resignation in the hands of His Majesty, who has accepted it.—British Wireless.

NATHAN RD. CAR MISHAP

Mr. E. H. Carvalho of Gilman's Garage, Nathan Road, reported to the police that at 12.15 p.m. yesterday private car No. 1277 was parked outside the Garage when a military truck, driven by an Indian soldier, coming out from Whitefield Barracks, collided with and damaged the car.

YOUTH GIVEN FINE

Claiming to possess a season ticket, a 25-year-old Chinese, Kwong King-lee, accompanied by a girl friend, boarded a bus in Taipo Road yesterday and purchased one ticket only for his companion.

When asked to produce his season ticket, the youth declined. The girl then offered, it was alleged, to pay the fare. The money was, however, snatched from her hand by the young man.

This morning before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy, the youth was fined \$20 for avoiding payment of bus fare.

STRANGE ATTACK IN STREET

AN ATTACK ON A EUROPEAN, DOUGLAS GIFFORD, WAS MADE BY THREE CHINESE ARMED WITH HAMMERS AT THE JUNCTION OF TAIPO ROAD AND MAPLE STREET YESTERDAY EVENING.

Gifford, who resides at No. 208, Sai Yeung Choi Street, has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

He was walking along the road when the men suddenly attacked him. One man has been detained.

SPITTING CAUTION

Detained since 5 p.m. yesterday following his arrest for spitting in the street, 20-year-old Lo Hang was dismissed with a caution by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

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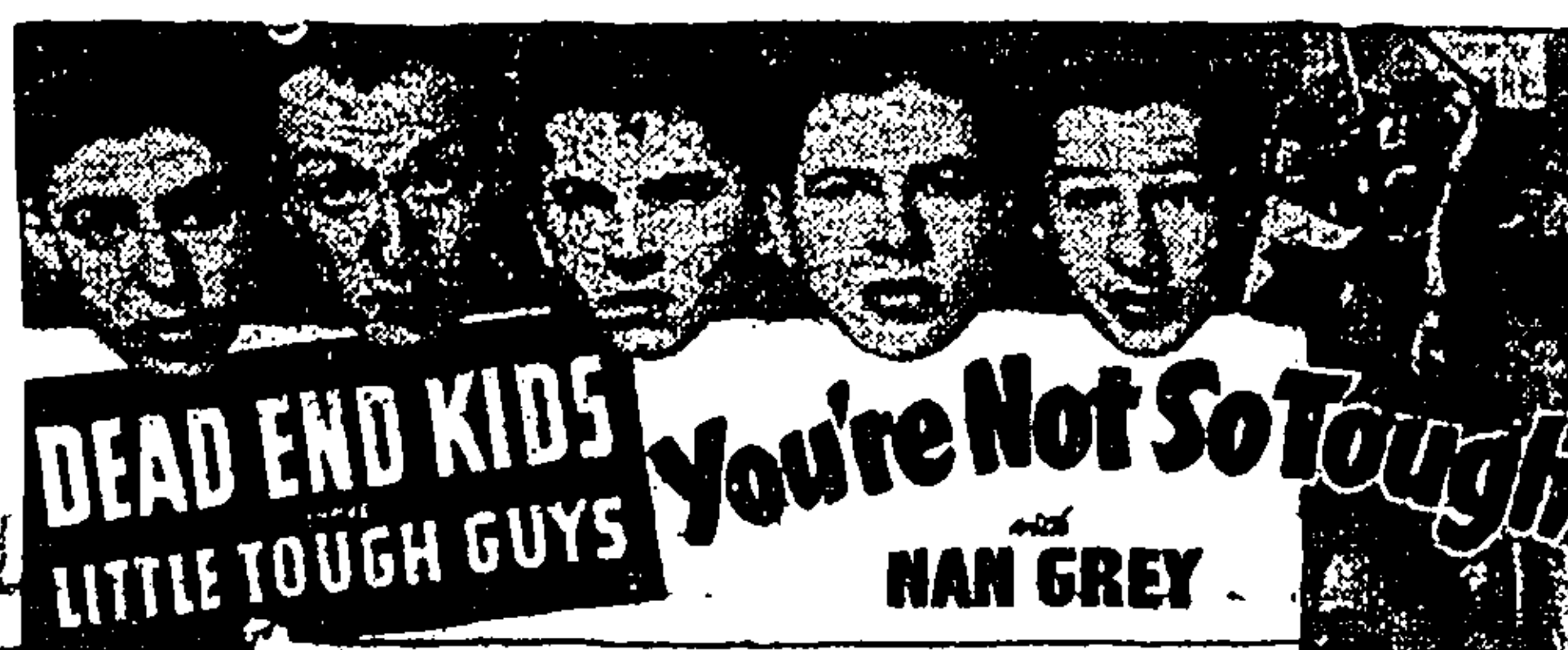
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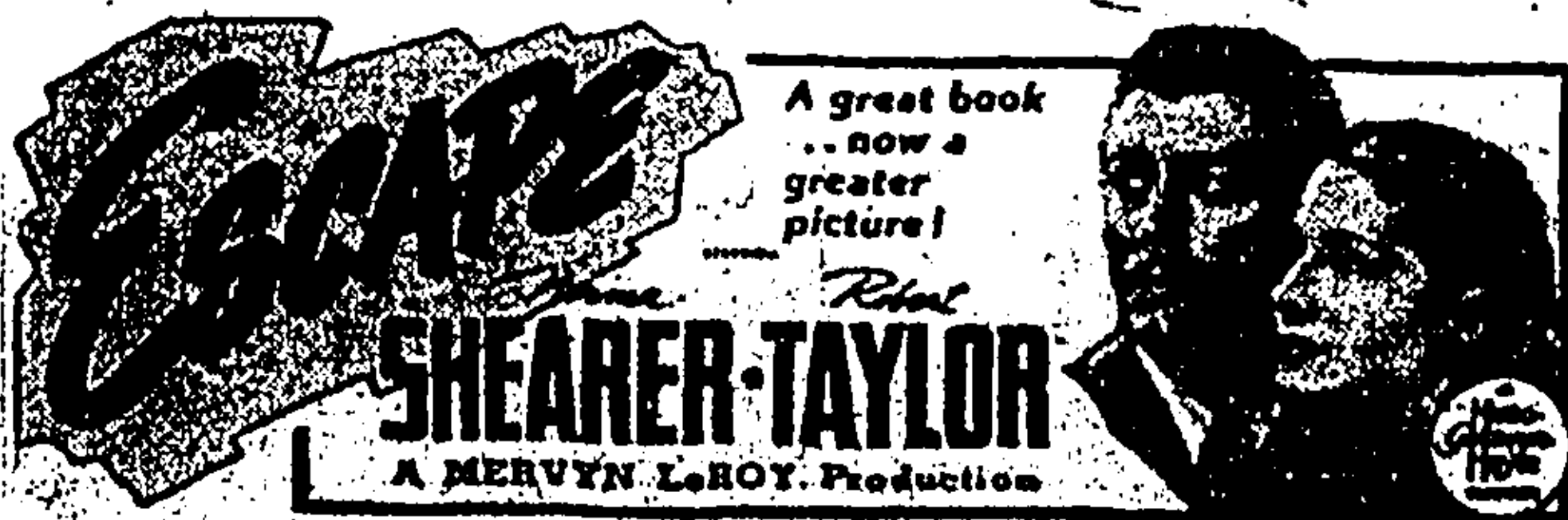
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A CHINESE DRAMA IN MANDARIN

IF SPARKS FLY, THE TINDERBOX IS LIKELY TO BE FOUND SOUTH

(By Reuter's Correspondent At Hsinking)

It cannot be said that there is any outstanding change in Russo-Japanese relations, as least as far as they can be seen from the confines of Manchuria.

In Hsinking, official utterances invariably re-echo Tokyo's sentiments, but the tension which followed Mr. Matsuoka's departure from the Cabinet a few weeks ago is now noticeably lessened.

Rumours emanating from Shanghai that new Russo-Japanese negotiations are taking place are emphatically denied by high Foreign Office officials interviewed here in Hsinking.

Other members of the Government, similarly interviewed, all emphasised that any precautionary activity which may be apparent in Manchuria was of a purely defensive nature.

The Russo-German fighting is arousing the greatest interest and each phase of the battle is closely followed in the Press which splashes on the front pages all available details.

Foreign Problems

The foreign communities, particularly the English and American, whose unenviable position cannot be denied are watching events closely. In these circles, however, it is felt in Hsinking that if sparks must fly, then it will be in the south rather than the north that the tinderbox will be found.

Britons in Manchuria, excluding the Kwantung Leased Territory, number 300, comprising 220 in the Mukden Consular district and 70 in the Harbin district. The majority of them are missionaries. There are about a quarter of this number of Americans.

For obvious reasons, Manchukuo's precautionary measures cannot be described, but it is permitted to state that they include travelling restrictions and also occasional air raid practices in various cities.

As regards the freezing of the assets of various countries, Manchukuo has followed Japan step by step. In this connection, the restrictions are said to have been eased recently and certain Manchukuo firms with part Anglo-American capital have been allowed to resume operations. — Reuter.

BROKERS BUY A BATTLESHIP

Eight million pounds have been raised to provide a British battleship by the Stock Exchange Savings Group in London.

An announcement to this effect was made yesterday and added that the whole sum was raised since July 1 of this year.

Now the Group aims to raise by the end of September sufficient money to pay for an aircraft carrier, a cruiser, a large destroyer, a submarine, a Corvette, a motor-torpedo boat, an anti-submarine boat, a bomber and a medium tank. — Reuter.

NO RAIDS ON BRITAIN

"Nothing to report" was the terse communique issued last evening in London by the Ministry of Home Security. — Reuter.

NORWEGIAN HOSPITAL HEROINES

Prince Olaf yesterday visited a hospital opened by the Norwegian Government about a year ago.

Staffed by Norwegian doctors and nurses, the hospital contains forty-five beds of which 41 are occupied.

Most of the patients are from the Norwegian merchant navy, but there are some men who were wounded in the Lofoten raid.

All the nine nurses on the staff have made their escape from Norway since the German occupation. Two of them had especially exciting adventures as the fishing boat in which they sailed had put back into port for repairs.

While these were being effected, a close watch was kept for Nazis but the boat was able to set forth again and arrived at the Shetlands, after a rough passage lasting about thirty hours. One of the doctors escaped to England dressed as a fisherman about three months ago. — British Wireless.

SECOND EAGLE SQUADRON FORMED

The second all-American Eagle squadron has been formed in the Royal Air Force, states the Air Ministry News Service, and has already had its first encounter with the enemy. As a result of this the squadron claims one Junkers 88 as "probably destroyed." — Reuter.

PRISONERS OF WAR

The Red Cross and St. John War Organisation announces that from latest figures at their disposal it would appear that about 2,000 British prisoners of war taken in Greece have been evacuated to German prison camps.

At the end of July, there were over 9,000 prisoners at Salonika and about 2,000 wounded officers and men in hospital in Athens.

There were over 3,000 still to be evacuated from Crete but it is possible that not all the latter were British.

The International Red Cross have despatched upwards of 24,000 food parcels from reserve stocks in Genoa to Greece, it being understood that a restricted rail-service is in operation. — British Wireless.

CHINA CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SEES DR. DALTON

DR. HUGH DALTON, Minister of Economic Warfare, yesterday received a deputation from the China Campaign Committee, which urged the imposition of a watertight economic embargo on Japan in view of dangerous holes in the measures recently announced, adoption of a stronger policy and extension of aid to China.

Regarding the economic embargo against Japan, Dr. Dalton referred in his reply to Mr. Eden's recent statements in Parliament, pointing out that the parallel action taken provided the mechanism whereby a complete economic and financial embargo could be imposed.

As to oil supplies to Japan, Dr. Dalton stated that in the last few years, oil from territories under British control or from British-controlled companies represented only about three per cent of the total amount of oil imported by Japan.

Dr. Dalton asserted that no further shipments were contemplated. Japan had always depended principally on the United States, and to lesser extent on the Netherlands East Indies.

Oil production in the Netherlands East Indies, Dr. Dalton said, was in the hands of two companies, namely, the Standard Vacuum (American) and the Royal Dutch Shell group in which there was a substantial British minority interest but in which the British Government held no shares. All aviation spirit from the Netherlands East Indies was earmarked for various countries within the British Empire. — Central News.

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TITLEBAUM CASE MAY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MR. LEIGHTON SHIELDS, United States District Attorney in Shanghai, yesterday morning informed the Press that big developments are expected as a result of the sensational arrest of Samuel Titlebaum, erstwhile United States Deputy Marshal, on charges of embezzling property of the United States, particularly guns.

Mr. Shields declined to make any further statement explaining, "I may flush the geese who are taking part in Titlebaum's activities."

Washington has been cabled for instructions since Judge Milton J. Helmick is absent on holiday in America.

It is possible that an Acting Judge appointed by Washington will handle the case.

Titlebaum is still languishing in the Ward Road Gaol having failed to produce US\$5,000 bail.

"Graver Charges"

It is indicated that far graver charges are likely to fall on the head of Titlebaum and the police are hoping to make the arrest of another foreigner alleged to be implicated in the sensational em-

bezzlement case against the former Court official.

The trial is expected to open soon as an early reply is expected to the cable to Washington. It is generally believed that Judge N. E. Lurton will be authorised to act in the absence of Judge Milton Helmick.

Judge Lurton adjudicates in the U.S. Consular Court.

It is also understood that prominent American lawyers have declined to handle the case for Titlebaum, who is believed to be heavily in debt. Counsel will probably be appointed by the court. — International News Service.

MERCHANT SKIPPERS HIT BACK

Two recent successes by British merchant ships in bringing down attacking enemy aircraft were revealed today.

"The aircraft was in sight only three or four seconds before it attacked," said an officer of the first ship. "Bombs were dropped, the bridge was demolished and caught fire. As the aircraft flew off, we opened fire with defensive armament and hit it the first shot. It crashed into the sea and the last I saw was a wing tip sticking above water."

The captain of the second ship said: "When the aircraft was just on us I opened fire with a Lewis gun. We fired about fifty shots and I could hear them pinging on the sides of the machine. Soon the aeroplane caught fire and dropped to about twenty feet of the water, rose a little, dropped to ten feet then rose again and dropped to five feet. Three Spitfires went out after him. They circled round and then back as if they had finished with the enemy. I heard next day that the German aircraft had been seen in the water." — British Wireless.

GLIDER MOVEMENT IN CHINA

The Gliders Movement, originated in Chungking, is now spreading. A branch association for pushing the movement will shortly be established in Kansu while branches in Kwangsi and Yunnan will also be set up at the end of this year.

A factory for the manufacture of gliders is now under planning. The first group of glider flyers now under training will be graduated next month. Enrolment of the second group will soon be started. — Central News.

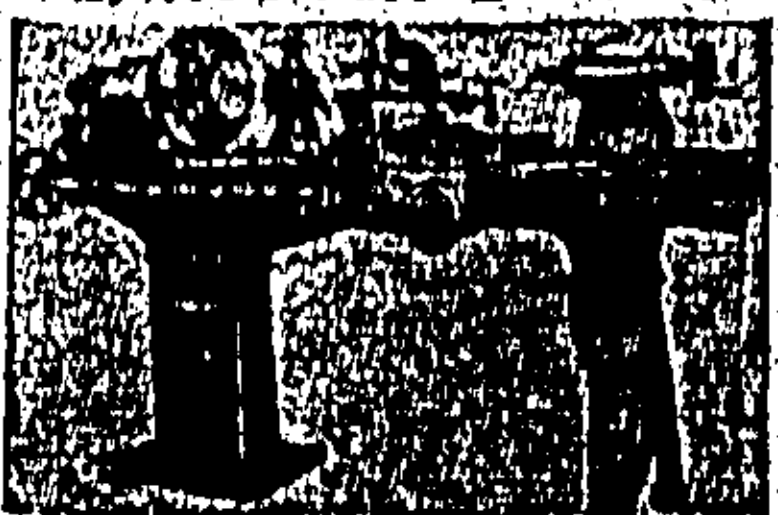
KIDNAPPING CASE

Six months' hard labour for kidnapping a three-year-old lad was imposed on Yin Nui, 29, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged that accused induced a 14-year-old boy to entice the child away from Baker Street where he was playing.

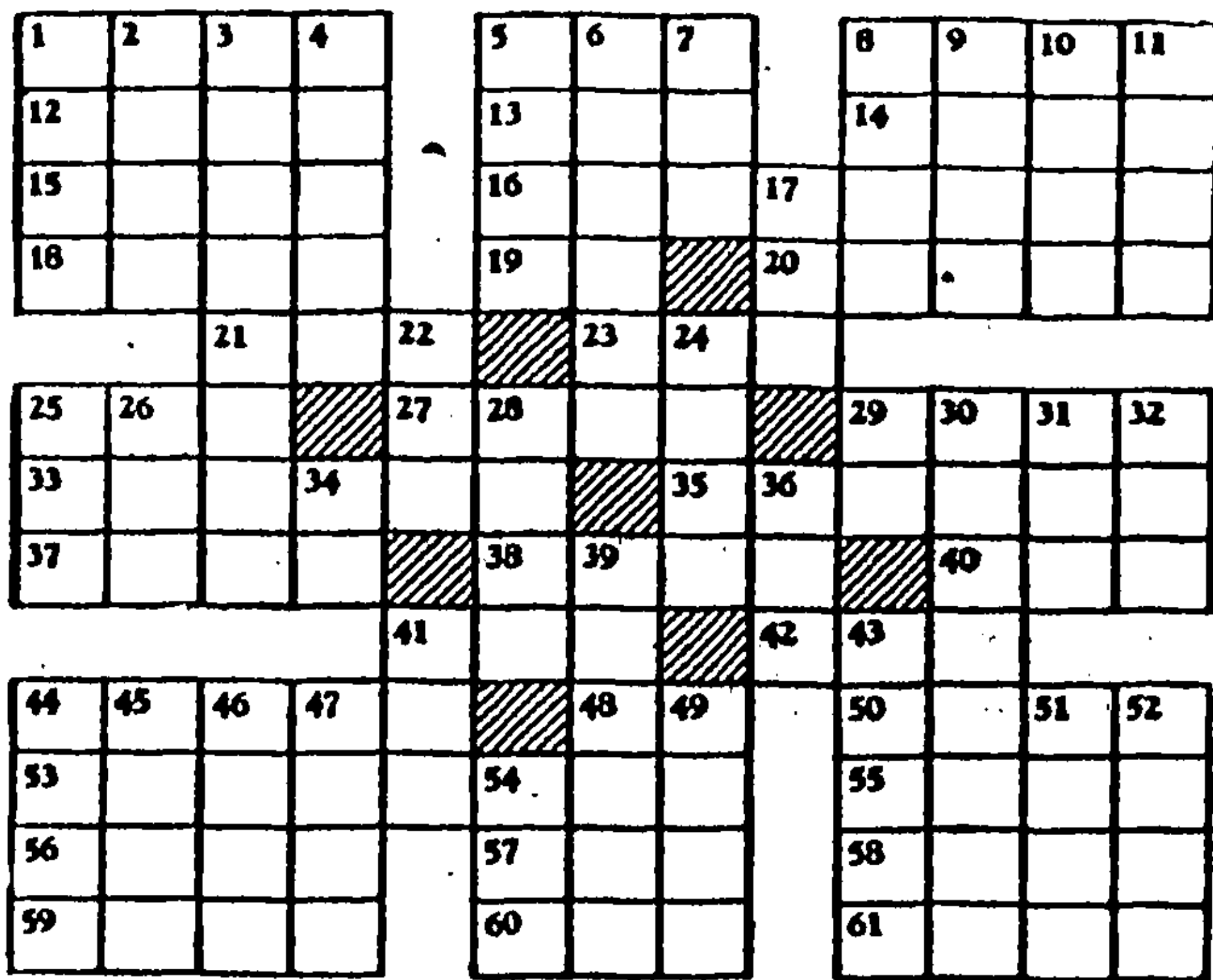
Accused was arrested in the Hunghom District by a Chinese constable.

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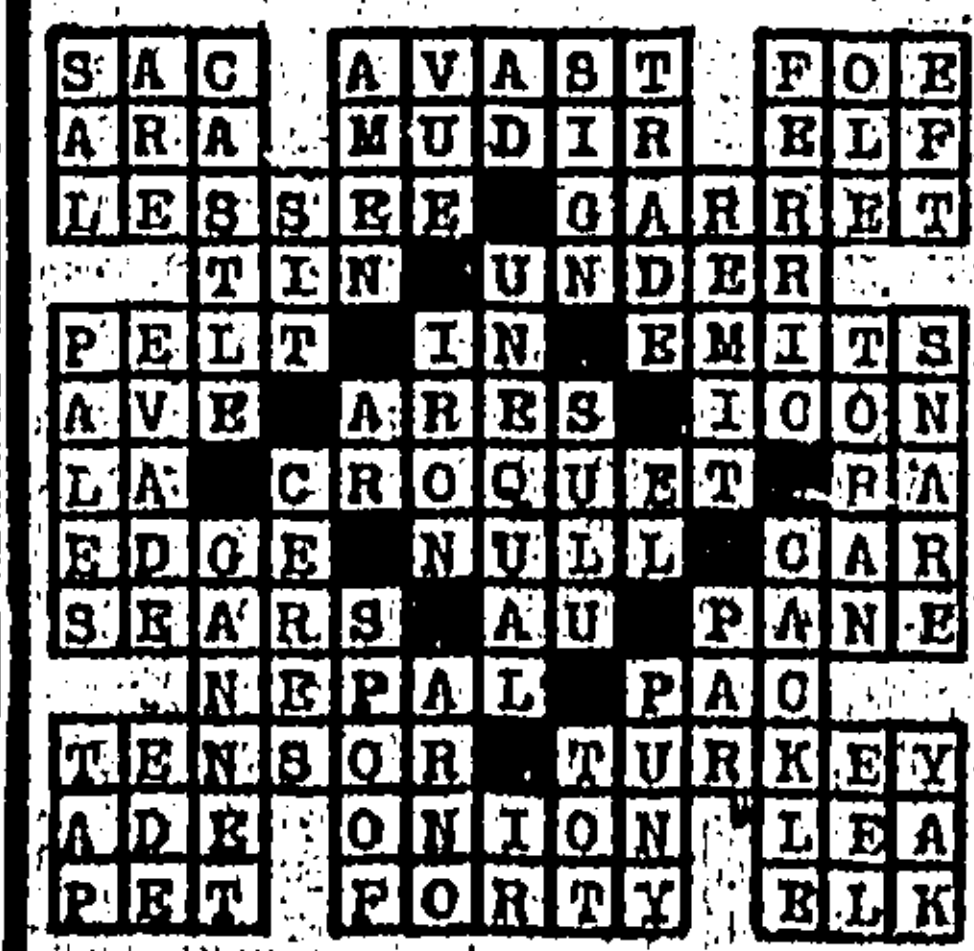
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- 1 To overcome
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- 14 Silkworm
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- 18 Back of the neck
- 19 Symbol for silver
- 20 To accumulate
- 21 Music: as written
- 23 Devil
- 25 Indian mulberry
- 27 Pathway
- 29 Bones
- 33 Lavender
- 35 Chinese skirt
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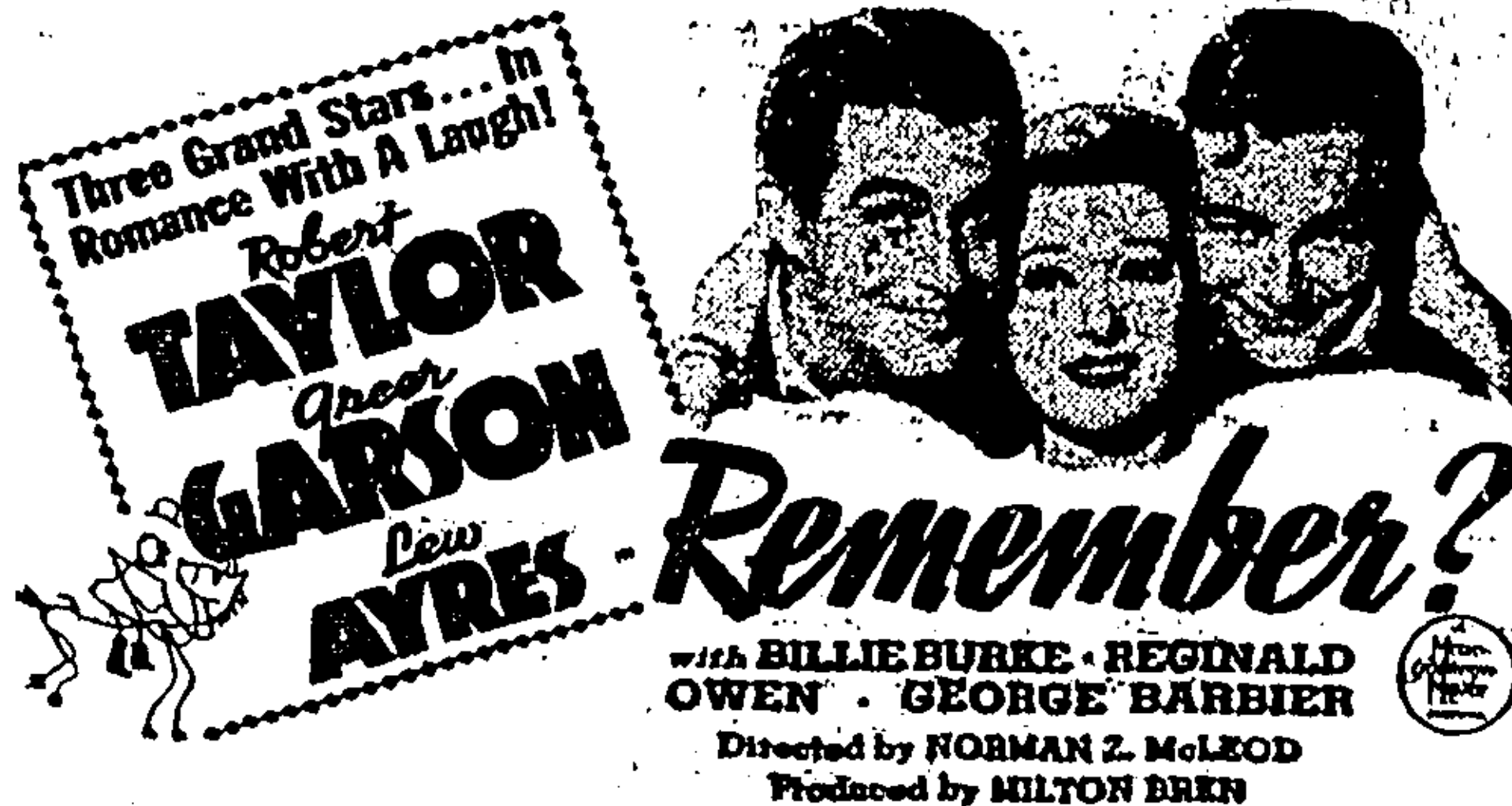
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- 6 Beginning
- 7 To coagulate
- 8 Twenty quires

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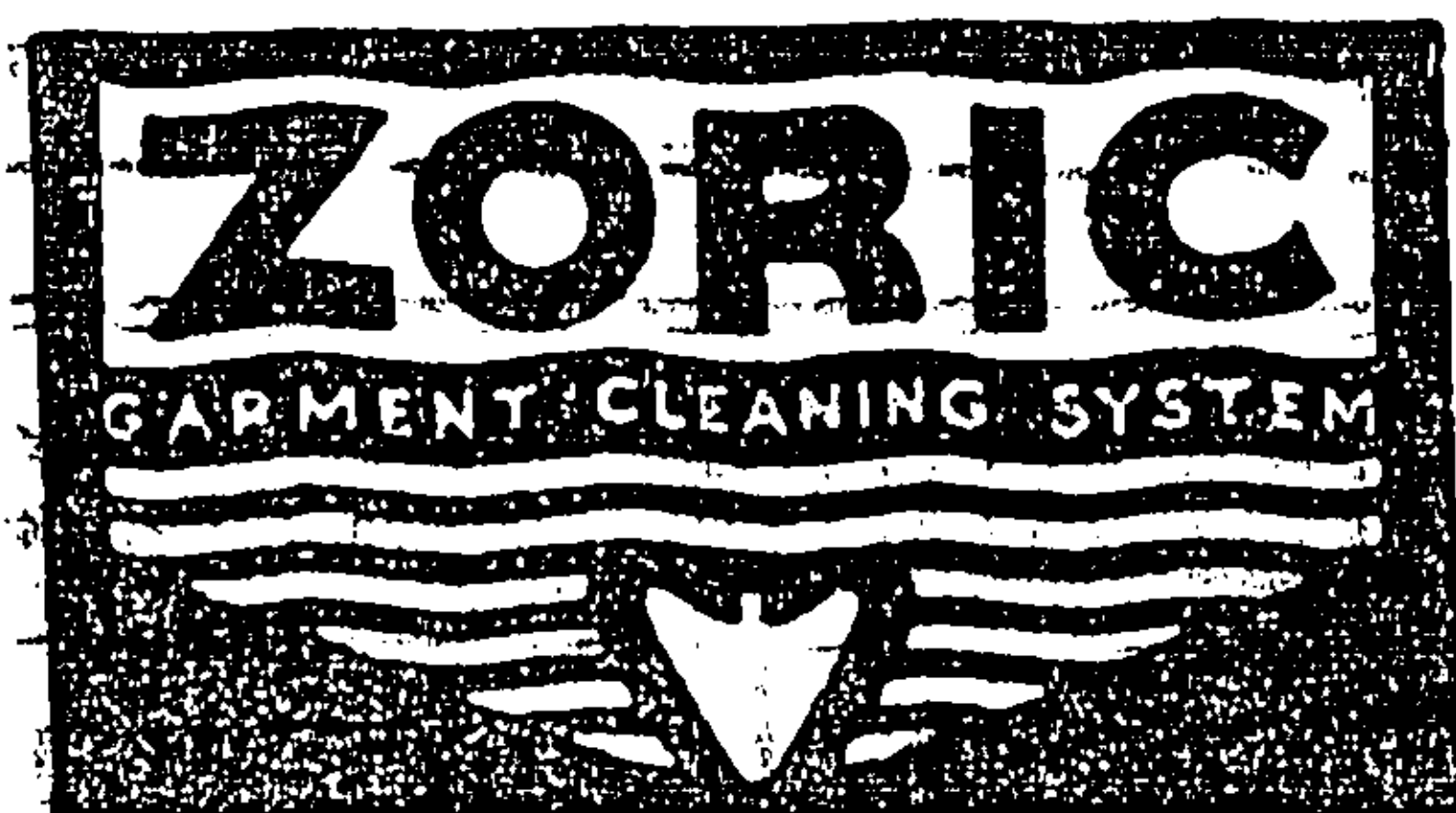


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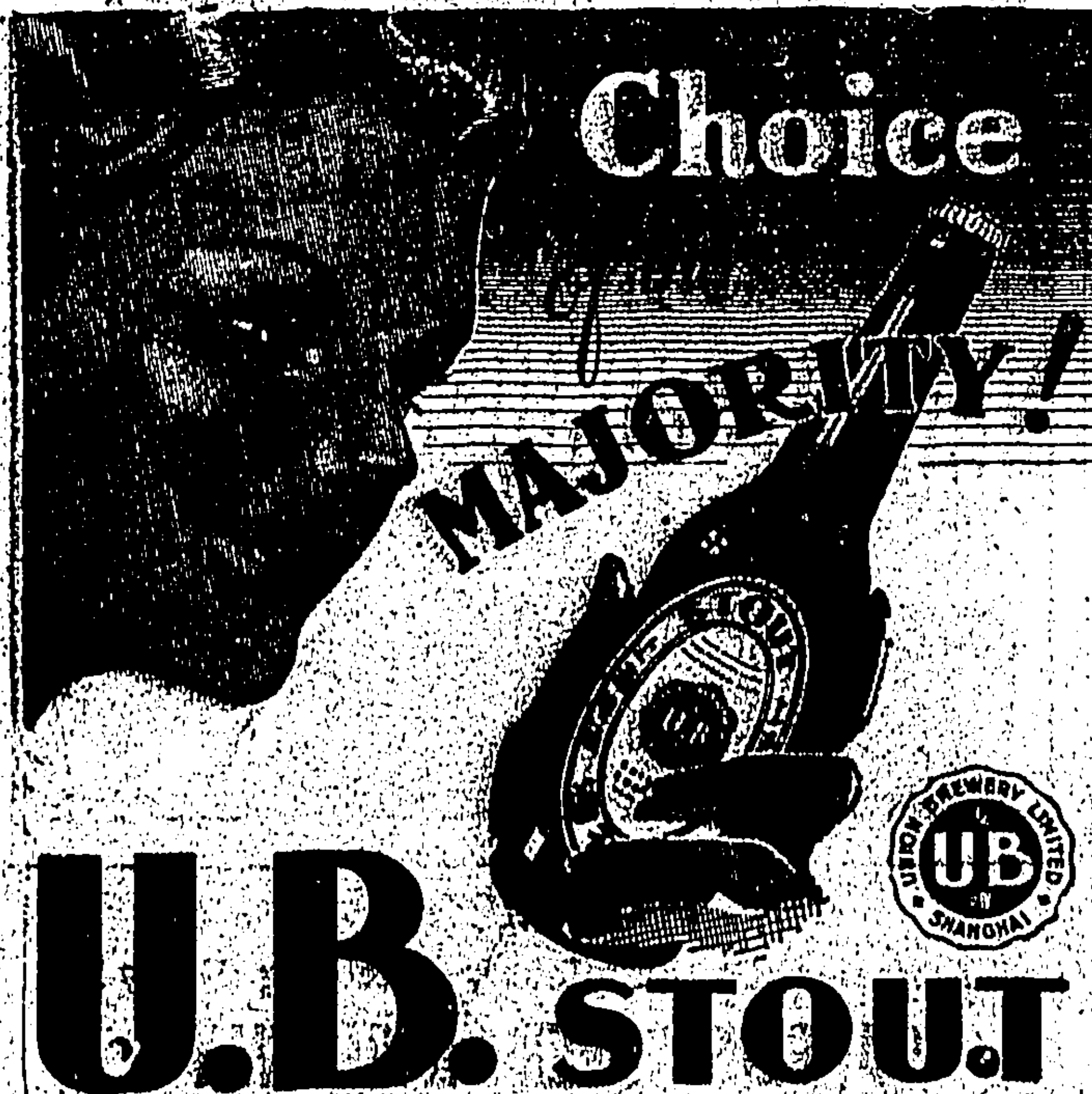
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HOW MOSCOW KEEPS GOING UNDER WAR CONDITIONS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
in Moscow)

IT IS ALMOST NECESSARY TO SEE TO BELIEVE HOW THE NORMAL TREND OF LIFE CONTINUES UNDER WAR CONDITIONS IN MOSCOW.

For the hardworking Russians, there is little opportunity for amusements and recreation during week-ends, other than in the evenings, but night bombings, real or expected, have restricted the scope of after 7 o'clock entertainments.

Sunday is the Russian workman's day when Moscow's theatrical, musical and artistic life bursts forth. This Sunday alone 14 distinct theatrical and musical shows were billed.

The production of Tchaikovsky's comic opera, "Cherevitchki" led the list, each performance attracting several members of the foreign Embassies or missions.

The art theatre, with Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," also was a great attraction. Other shows varied from modern semi-propaganda play to comedies and the children's theatre.

"Hermitage Gardens"

But the centre of life for the people on Sunday in Moscow is the "Hermitage Gardens" where thousands spend a good part of the day.

A large proportion of the public, with Soviet youths and girls and soldiers, stroll under the trees amidst well-kept flower beds.

People sit in the sun eating ice cream, drinking beer, eating cheese, ham and sausage sandwiches, sweets and chocolates, and large plates of cucumber salads.

There was a temporary curtailment during the past week of such minor luxury supplies, but they have re-appeared in even greater quantities.

The garden walls are covered with gaily coloured posters, both amusing and practical. For example some give instructions for fire-fighting while others are satirical, against Hitler and Mussolini.

The garden entrance is decorated with red banners and portraits of M. Stalin, General Timoshenko and Marshal Budenny and other Soviet commanders and outstanding heroes.

Innovation

An innovation this Sunday was a loudspeaker carrying the unfamiliar voices of the Czech and Polish representatives making speeches. But the "Hermitage" is not the only garden, for the people have the choice of four different shows in four separate buildings.

A typical propaganda show opens with an elderly couple sitting on a bench, wearily complaining of their age, commenting on their innumerable and fancied illnesses.

The second tableau is a scene after the outbreak of the war, with the same couple busy knitting soldiers' comforts, and claiming great health and finally volunteering as fire-fighters.

In typical satire, a girl appears on the stage and tells the sad story of a little boy who always had a cry because in the games played in school the part of Hitler was always given to him.

There is certainly no indication that these soldiers and people of Moscow were feeling that perhaps their city was living through their last normal Sunday. On the contrary the people breathed absolute confidence that victory would eventually be theirs, and that the Germans would fail to capture Moscow.

Symphony Concert

Another sidelight on Moscow during the war was obtained at a symphony concert where the deeply civilised audience greatly enjoyed what elsewhere should have been considered high-brow music.

The U.S.S.R. Symphony Orchestra, is composed solely of picked men, and the amazing clearness and lucidity of their playing is unforgettable.

The programme commemorated the 28th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution and the star turn was the 18-year-old infant prodigy violinist of Russia, Goldstein, who has won many prizes in contests at Warsaw and Brussels, and is the recipient of a high Soviet decoration.

The first part of the programme composed famous concert music, but the second part emphasised the war. This started with the impressive and moving "declaration" of war slogans, alternating with famous passages from Pushkin and Lermontov, and other more recent poets. These patriotic passages were read by the actor Yakovlev, and visibly stirred the audience which frequently burst into applause.

Partisan Song

Later in this long music programme, a famous woman singer sang folk songs, and also the newly composed ballad "Partisan Song," with a perfect Russian folk song texture.

It was the song of a peasant whose cows were stolen by the Germans, and whose wife and children were burned alive in his hut. He weeps bitterly, and then his thirst for revenge prevails over his grief, and he joins the guerrillas.

This poignant song is one example how the present war has stirred the Russian peoples' imaginations, acting as a powerful creative stimulant. It is a significant psychological phenomenon, and one of the psychological guarantees.—Reuter.

IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER

For impersonating a police officer, Tang Pang, 24, and Chin Chiu, 20, unemployed, were fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

According to Detective Sergeant J. Bentley, in Kennedy Road about 12:45 p.m. yesterday, defendants approached Chan Sang who was carrying a bundle of wood. Accused told Chan that they were policemen, but failed to produce their identification cards. A Forestry Guard, passing by, arrested defendants.

GAMBLERS RAIDED

Inspector W. H. Nolloth, with a party of Chinese detectives raided a gambling den at No. 93, Nam Chang Street, yesterday afternoon, resulting in the arrest of the keeper and 26 gamblers, and the seizing of \$28.70, table money.

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, the keeper, Ho Wing, 25, and the gamblers, including a 25-year-old student, all failed to appear and had their bail, totalling \$128, estreated.

The table money, \$28.70, was donated to the "Poor Box."

CHOLERA IN CRETE

Cairo reports state that a cholera epidemic has obliged the Germans to evacuate Crete almost entirely, also parts of Greece.

The death-roll is growing, and German hygiene experts are unable to combat the disease, which developed from polluted wells in the hills. Doctors are busily inoculating German and Italian soldiers.

HOW AXIS PLAN WAS FOILED

How the heroic Yugoslav decision to resist the Germans on March 27 helped to thwart Axis plans to seize the Middle East and Russian oilfields in the Spring, 1941, was described in a broadcast from London by General Simovich, Yugoslav Prime Minister and C-in-C.

In March, the main German army of S. E. Europe was in S. E. Bulgaria ready to move into Greek Thrace and then eastward to turn the flank of the Turk defence. "Everything seemed favourable. Russia was on friendly terms, Syria in Vichy hands with Axis agents preparing to get possession of strategic points, the Iraqi rebellion was timed to begin simultaneously—April 3rd—on which date it actually started.

Airborne troops were to be landed in Syria so that Turkey would have been cut off from British supplies and hindered in making effective resistance.

The German armies were to sweep along North Anatolia and across the Black Sea from Rumanian and Bulgarian ports and would be knocking at the doors of the oilfields of Batum and Baku, almost before the U.S.S.R. were aware of the danger.

The operation was planned to begin between March 15 and April 1 and to be completed in six to eight weeks. A few days before it could start, the Belgrade revolution placed on the German flank a hostile army, which had to be removed.

SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGNS IN YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE AND CRETE THOUGH SUCCESSFUL IN IMMEDIATE PURPOSE, KEPT THE GERMAN ARMIES OCCUPIED IN WHAT HAD BEEN MEANT TO BE A PRELIMINARY TASK UNTIL JUNE 1ST—BY WHICH TIME THE BRITISH HAD QUELLED THE IRAQI RISING.

A week later, the Allies entered Syria and turned out the Axis advance guard. Thus, said General Simovich, "apart from the moral blow which affected the prestige of the Nazis, Yugoslavia thereby saved Turkey and the Near East and made impossible the envelopment of Russia from the South and an attack on it from the rear over the Caucasus. Hitler was then forced to limit himself to a frontal attack in order to reach the oil without which his panzer division and air fleets would become useless.—British Wireless.

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TWO BRIEF YEARS

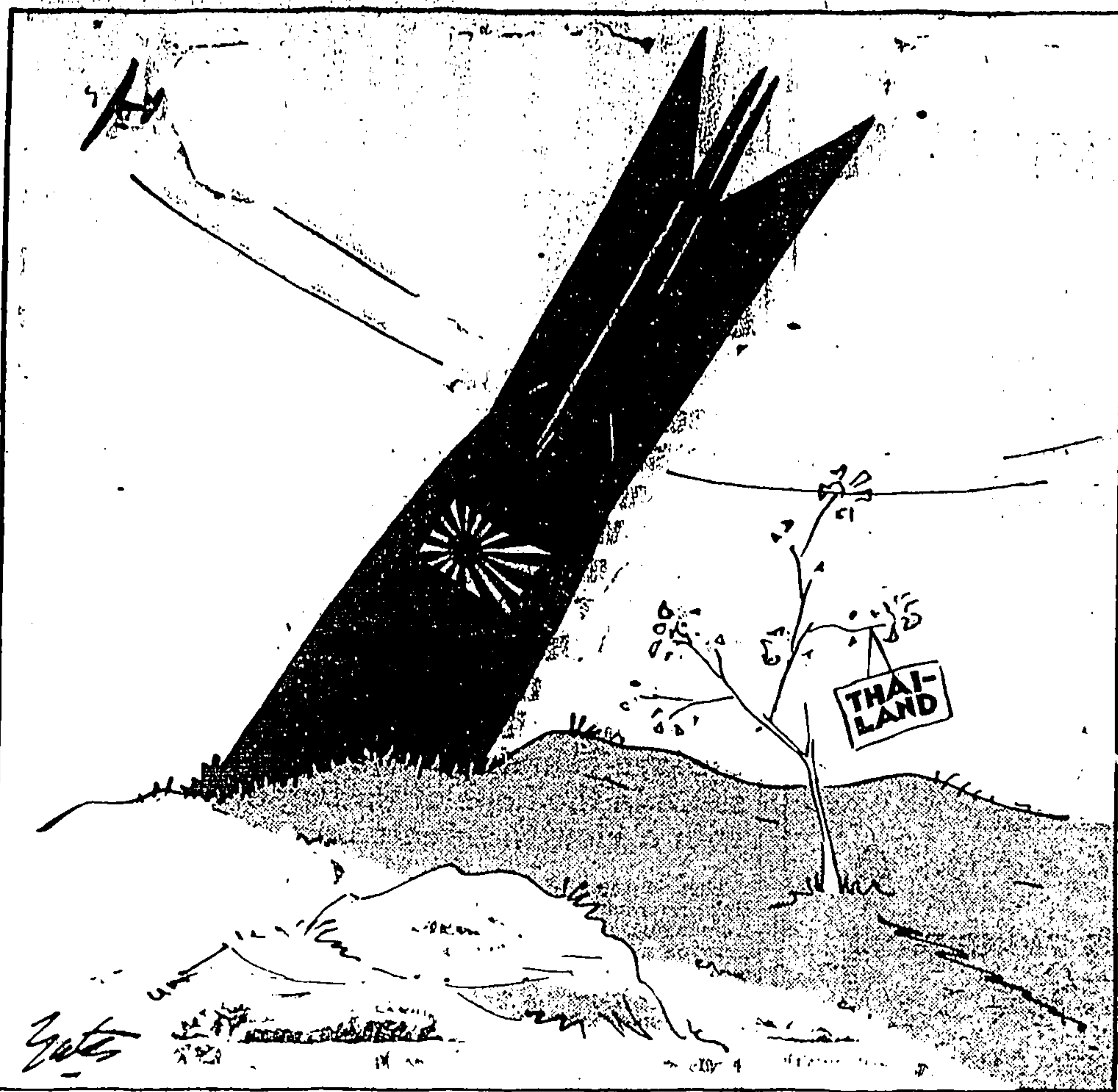
It is a fantastic experience to look back across two brief years to July 14, 1939, the 150th anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. Europe was officially at peace then; the outlines of the Continent had suffered little apparent change since Versailles, although Austria was gone, and Albania, and Czecho-Slovakia. Down the Champs-Élysées paraded the principal supporters of the European order, the French Army, unmatched in prestige in the world. In a position of honour in that traditional display were British guardsmen in red coats and bearskin, British sailors and marines — and the close-packed Parisian crowds shouted "Vive l'Angleterre!" President Lebrun, speaking at a demonstration of French unity, flung the challenge of the democratic way into the teeth of that black cloud of reaction mounting east of Rhine; "Immutably attached to these principles of 1789, France recognises for all men, without distinction of birth, colour or religion, the right of access to liberty and equality."

One year passed. Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium went, in flame and blood, the way of Czecho-Slovakia. The French Army was swept from the field, and the armistice at Compiègne and the tragic necessity of Mers-el-Kebir divided France from her former ally, Britain. There was a government at Vichy that claimed to speak for France, that cast scorn upon the principles of 1789 and entered upon the pathetic and inglorious programme of placating victorious Germany by imitating her vicious system.

Another year has seen the piecemeal destruction of Europe continued with the fall of Yugoslavia and Greece; it has seen the government of Marshal Petain go ever farther along the road he chose in his first days of power; has seen him give his blessing to Frenchmen who might be deluded enough to fight beside the Germans in the East, to the end that Hitler's fetters might be the more irrevocably fastened upon France; has seen the as well, the muzzled mil culminating tragedy of lions of their nation have Frenchmen battling not succumbed to Frenchmen in the strange the alien poison; the and unhappy little war free spirits under Gen. that has just ended in de Gaulle have kept Syria.

From that Bastille Day against Hitlerism, and of 1939 to to-day the re-

cord of events makes some-
bre reading for French-
men — less so because of
France's defeat, for many
nations have lost wars
without losing self-respect,
than because the self-appointed leaders of
France have capitulated
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of France and of the
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de Gaulle have kept
the Tricolour in the fight
against Hitlerism, and
that fight will be won.



TIME BOMB

A London Cab

All in Same Boat

Joseph is allowed three gallons of gasoline a day, which enables him to drive about 60 miles. Before the war he averaged 120 miles a day in his vehicle. But since the war began the scale of tipping has increased, Joseph tells me. So he still earns much the same in a good week as he did in pre-war days — about £5.

The class of people who use taxis in London has changed since

By
Peter Howard

war began. "Most of the nobs seem to have gone away out of London," Joseph says. "I get people in my cab now who would never have taken a taxi before the war. Mothers from the East End with children on their way out of London and so on. Friendlier people they are somehow too. Don't seem to have as many rows nowadays as I used to, guv'nor. They lean out of my window sometimes and bawl out to me which way to go."

Joseph's wife and his three children are evacuees in the country. They have been to six different homes since war began. "Blow me, guv'nor," says Joseph. "They can't expect the missus and kids to stay away from their own home all that long. As soon as we've a week or two of quiet nights, back they all come to London. Then 'tler drops a packet one night and back they go to the country. I've tried to get 'er the missus I mean — to make up 'er mind. But there you are. She just won't stay put, some'ow."

Joseph's missus and kids are part of the biggest problem of war-time evacuation — the tens of thousands of mothers and children who move back into London a few days after each big raid and wait for the next one before moving out again. When this mass exodus from our city takes place after the big raids, taxis are about the only sure means of transport. Tubes are often disorganised and buses cannot make their way through the streets until the debris is cleared away.

"Oh, don't you worry about us down the East End, guv'nor," Joseph tells me, "people are sticking it wonderful well, considering. Of course we have one or two grumblers down our way who say they can't see how we are going to beat 'em. But we just let 'em get on with it. Don't do no one any harm, and we beat 'em last

time didn't we?" So says Joseph who fought all through the last war.

Helped Draw Fire Engines

He did something in this war too. The fact can now be disclosed that when the big raids on London began last September, we were short of fire-fighting equipment. So the taxi men of London, my friend Joseph among them, volunteered to drag the heavy fire engines and pumps. Out into the blitz night after night Joseph and the taxi men of London went, hauling equipment to the fires which the Germans had started and were then bombing.

Many of Joseph's friends were killed in this service. "Strained the old engine a bit, guv'nor," Joseph told me. "But there you are. We managed to put 'out some of the stuff 'e'd started." (Hitler is usually referred to by Joseph as 'e or 'im.)

The truth is that by the exertions and courage of the London taxi men, millions of pounds worth of valuable material was saved. Like the taxi men of Paris who transported Gallieni's troops and equipment into the gap in the Marne in 1914, and saved the situation, so the taxi men of London will take their place in history when the full story of this war is told.

Nowadays we have proper engines to drag the fire equipment to where it is needed, so the taxi men of London are no longer required for this service.

Hard Time in Black-Out

Joseph's taxi has a dent as big as a pudding basin in the bonnet. This is the result of his driving over the edge of a bomb crater during a black-out a night or two ago. Taxicab drivers, Joseph tells me, are especially liable to black-out mishaps. For through their intimate knowledge of the highways and byways of our cities they drive and wriggle through the black-out about as quickly as by daylight, while other drivers have to go at a walking pace. And if anything drops in the roadway, taxi men may drive right into the hole before they can stop.

Joseph is a member of the "Bomb Berlin" brigade. As we stopped in a traffic block near Liverpool Street station the other day Joseph called out to me pointing to a bombed building. "Guv'nor, guv'nor, we're beginning to give 'im a bit of it back! The more the merrier, that's what I say. 'Cos why, guv'nor? 'Cos take it from me 'e ates it!" Then the taxi moved on with a jerk.

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MATTER OF DAYS NOT WEEKS

THE LATEST RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS THAT THE GERMANS ARE STILL PRESSING VERY STRONG ALL ALONG THE RUSSIAN FRONT, ESPECIALLY AT SOLTSI, SOUTH-WEST OF LENINGRAD, AND IN SOUTH UKRAINE, SAYS "ANNALIST," IN A COMMENT ON THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

German troops, which have encountered almost inflexible resistance at Korosten and Byelaya-Tsherkov, are spreading further south in the hope of finding a weak spot and with a view to threatening Odessa.

They do not seem to be getting too much support from the Rumanians who are on their extreme right wing and much closer to Odessa.

The dents in the Russian line may be part of Marshal Budenny's elastic defence. But the Germans have avoided making any specific claim of territorial conquest and confine themselves to the usual indefinite claim that "pursuit of the retreating foe is making rapid progress everywhere."

Hitler's Strategy

"Hitler has never concealed the fact that the secret of his strategy is attack and again attack, never leaving the enemy any respite or time to recover their second wind, but pressing ever onward regardless of loss until success is achieved.

This policy has been pursued without variation in Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece and Crete.

It is a variation of Napoleon's famous "de l'audace et toujours de l'audace."

It failed, however, in the Battle of Britain which began just one year ago and continued without let or pause for six weeks when at last the Luftwaffe gave up the struggle after trying its utmost to break down British resistance.

In Russia, it is coming up against the same indomitable spirit.

How Long?

After seven weeks of fighting, continuous relentless German pressure has forced back the Russian defence line along the whole of the 2,000 mile front, but nowhere can the Germans claim a major victory and nowhere has Russian resistance wavered or shown signs of weakening.

The question which naturally arises is how long will Hitler's hard-pressed troops be able to continue the pressure without showing signs of failure?

THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE POWERS OF HUMAN ENDURANCE AND BOTH SIDES MUST BE NEAR THAT LIMIT.

The odds, however, are in favour of the Russians, who are fighting in defence of their homes. They are slowly falling back upon shortened lines of communication and are increasing their resources of men and material.

The German advance must necessarily extend the German effort and increase the strain with every mile left behind.

It is now obvious that some definite result must emerge from the wide-flung battlefront in a matter of days rather than weeks. —Reuter.

Battles Rage On

The following is the text of a Soviet communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 11 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday:

"During August 11, our troops continued fighting the enemy in Soltsi, Smolensk, Byelaya-Tsherkov and Uman directions.

"Our air force continued to inflict blows on enemy panzer troops and infantry, attacked his aircraft on aerodromes and bombed a large railway bridge, Chernovod, on the Danube and ships at Constanza. The bridge was destroyed.

Air Clashes

"On August 10, 39 enemy planes were destroyed. We lost 25. Ac-

cording to precise information now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 10, six German planes were brought down not five as previously reported.

"The other day between 60 and 70 German-Finnish planes attempted to carry out a mass raid in the Murmansk area. Detachments of enemy planes were intercepted by our fighters and fierce air combats ensued. With the very first vigorous, powerful onslaught, our fliers broke up the enemy's battle formation and the centralised direction of the German-Finnish planes was lost. They scattered into small groups." —Reuter.

BRITISH LABOUR SHORTAGE

The total registered unemployed in Great Britain on July 13 was 113,662 men and boys and 105,915 girls and women; and of these 33,000 men and 3,000 women were classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment.

These figures show a decrease on the previous month of more than 24,000 unemployed.

In fact the labour market has now become so "tight" that even men approaching the age of 80 are finding a demand for their services.

So urgent are demands for labour in the London area that an increase in the available labour "pool" has had to be made by transferring labour from one industry to another through the medium of industrial registration.

As younger women are absorbed into war industries the older ones are taking their places in less vital jobs such as distribution even where this is possible only on a part-time basis. —Reuter.

KILLED ALMOST TO A MAN

A communique issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo states: During the night of August 9/10, Italian troops delivered an attack against one of our posts on the outer perimeter defences of Tobruk. The attackers were allowed to approach within 300 yards when they were killed almost to a man by heavy defensive fire from our artillery and machine-guns.

In the frontier area, our patrols successfully engaged patrols of hostile armoured fighting vehicles which were subsequently forced to withdraw by the accuracy of our artillery fire. —British Wire-

WALTZING MATILDA THE TANK

The principal types of British tanks are being given names with popular appeal, with the object of encouraging contributions for their purchase similar to the Spitfires. One type, a 30-ton tank, will be named "Waltzing Matilda."

"Speed the Tanks" funds are springing up all over the country. Individuals and communities subscribing sufficient to purchase a tank have it named after them.

BERLIN ON THE NEW PHASE

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper, "Dagbladet," well-informed Berlin circles declare that the new phase which is now opening on the Eastern Front will be decisive for while pressure on the Ukraine is constantly increasing there is no relaxation in the Central and Leningrad sectors.

Moscow and Leningrad are now seriously threatened, according to the Germans.

Berlin believes that the Russians have abandoned the idea of defending points between the Dniester and Dnieper and are now seeking to concentrate troops on the defence line on the east bank of the Dnieper.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Demokraten" says that a war correspondent with the panzer divisions gave a vivid account of the Russians' heroism and disregard of death — especially the Siberians.

The "Demokraten" correspondent added that apparently the Russians still have considerable air forces despite the losses which the Germans claimed they have inflicted. —Reuter.

JAPANESE RAIDER SHOT DOWN

One of nine Japanese planes which raided Chengtu yesterday was shot down by a Chinese pursuit plane at Taping, northeast of Chengtu.

The Japanese raiders machine-gunned the Chengtu suburbs and were challenged by Chinese fighters. —Central News.

EDUCATION IN GAS WARFARE

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, a campaign to educate the public in the matter of "poison gas" has been launched and will begin with an exhibition in London from August 14th to September 5th. —British Wireless.

Situation In Far East Nearly At Flash Point

THE INFLAMMABLE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST FORMS THE THEME OF THE LEADERS IN THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" AND "DAILY MAIL," THE LATTER DESCRIBING THE SITUATION AS "NEARLY AT FLASH POINT."

The "Telegraph" says that "Japan's militarists have chosen to defy the British Commonwealth and the United States by threatening attack on the vital interests of both in the hope that, with their energies concentrated upon the European struggle and the Middle East, the two great democracies may let the Pacific go by default."

Bid To Stabilise Dollar

Mr. Wang Shih-chieh, Publicity Minister in Chungking, in a press conference yesterday, stated that the Government was determined to stabilise the Chinese dollar in the Shanghai market.

He expressed the opinion that to stabilise Chinese currency, the Stabilisation Board will be able to carry out the Government's decisions, and added that the necessary funds for that purpose had already been handed over to the Board.

Referring to the freezing by Britain and the United States, Mr. Wang revealed that four of the Chinese Government banks had received licences from Britain and the United States to supply foreign exchange in Chinese form to merchants handling legitimate trade.—Reuter.

Negotiations In Progress

Government is negotiating with the British and United States authorities, designating the Central Bank of China to handle overseas Chinese remittances and to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Japanese and Chinese "puppets."

Government has decided to enlarge the Foreign Exchange Committee under the Ministry for Finance which is empowered to handle all issues connected with the freezing.

Decisions of the Committee will be executed through the Central Bank of China.

Thai's Position

After denying the report that 20,000 Chinese troops have been sent to the Shan States (Burma), the Minister declared that Thailand's attitude appeared to have firmed, probably as a result of the statements by the British Foreign Secretary and the United States Secretary of State, but he believed that the situation was still uncertain unless Britain and the United States give more adequate support to Thailand than economic measures if they hope to check Japanese aggression and strengthen resistance on the part of Thailand.

The Young Marshal

Questioned concerning Marshal Chang Hsueh-ling, popularly known as the "Young Marshal," Mr. Wang Shih-chieh, said that though his sentence was commuted, the court-martial ordered the

"The Japanese military junta delight to imitate the Fuehrer and perhaps still believe in his star, but Japan will risk nothing to save Hitler from defeat."

"While the Nazi legions are embedded in the Russian plains, the wheels of Japan's chariots in Manchukuo will tarry. How much the Japanese oligarchs will venture in the south against Thailand, against Singapore and beyond, depends on their estimate of the strength which the aggression would encounter. A large-scale offensive by land, air and sea some 3,000 miles away from Japanese ports is an enterprise from which even the leaders responsible for the interminable wastage of Japan's strength in China might shrink."

A Busted Flush

The "Daily Mail" suggests that Japan is undecided whether to march against the Russians or Thailand adding that "perhaps there is a great deal of bluff in the threats she is making in both directions."

If so, further warning is needed that a bluff of this description carried to extremes now manifest, is likely to take charge of the bluffer and create a position where the only possible move is forward.

"Those whom Japan threatens are not treating it as a bluff. They are making stern last-hour preparations to resist attack jointly, as they have already given joint warnings."

U.S. Leadership

"The United States will take the leadership in any action in the Pacific, whether of diplomatic or warlike character, and we are well content with this. We, as well as Australia, are prepared to take any action for the defence of our imperial interests. We shall be ready to conform it to a more comprehensive plan."

"Undoubtedly, Hitler considers the moment for Japanese action well chosen, probably by himself."

When the German forces are meeting fierce opposition in Russia, it is time to create diversion not only of the Russian forces, but also of American armaments from Britain and Russia to menace in the Pacific.

So Hitler undoubtedly thinks. But we remind ourselves, and them that in the face of realities, the ultimate success of any such desperate gamble is impossible and the cost enormous.—Reuter.

Marshal to be placed under strict surveillance of the National Military Council for five years, adding that the Marshal had been already under surveillance for more than four years.

Replying to another question, Mr. Wang stated that no major clashes between the Communist and Central troops had been reported in the past fortnight.—Reuter.

JOHN BULLS

A fire started by German bombers among farm buildings near an East Anglian town was extinguished by stampeding cattle, which broke out of their stalls and trampled blazing timber underfoot.

LEOPOLD'S ACT DEFENDED

What is believed to be the "inside story" of the seven tragic days leading to the surrender of King Leopold of Belgium was told for the first time when a settlement was announced in the law courts of a libel action brought by Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, against the Daily Mirror Newspapers, Limited.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., counsel for Sir Roger Keyes said that within a few hours of the German invasion of Belgium on May 10 last year, Sir Roger Keyes, at the request of the British Government, flew to join King Leopold as a special liaison officer. He remained with the King until May 27, when King Leopold asked for an armistice.

Mr. Churchill, on May 2, announcing the Belgian surrender, asked that judgment should be suspended until the facts were known.

Sir Roger Keyes, in the lobby of the House of Commons, echoed this advice to a representative of the "Daily Mirror," which, on May 30, published an attack on King Leopold and also Sir Roger Keyes.

Sir Patrick Hastings described how the British Army and the French Northern Army were ordered on May 20 to prepare to fight south-west to regain contact with the main French Army. It was clear that unless the Belgian Army could conform with this movement there would be a breach of contact between the British and Belgian Armies, he said.

"King Leopold made it clear that if there was a separation between the two armies the capitulation of the Belgian Army would be inevitable," continued Sir Patrick Hastings.

The Belgian Army, at the request of the French High Command, was withdrawn on May 23 from a strongly prepared position on the Scheldt to a weaker and longer line on the Lys to allow the British Army to retire behind a defensive frontier line to prepare for a southward offensive.

"King Leopold, on the morning of May 27, asked Sir Roger Keyes to inform the British authorities that he would be obliged to surrender before a debacle occurred, and at 5 p.m. on May 27 King Leopold informed the British and French authorities that he intended at midnight to ask for an armistice in order to avoid further slaughter of his people."

Sir Patrick Hastings concluded that Sir Roger Keyes, in the light of his knowledge, felt justified in suggesting a suspension of judgment on King Leopold, and resented the attack on himself.

The defendants accepted Sir Patrick Hastings's statement and regretted having been misled by an unimpeachable source.

The Judge ordered defendants to pay damages the amount not being stated, and also costs.

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STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE

By The Four Aces

There are some bidding situations in which the experienced and thought player knows that danger is ahead. If he is wise, he passes at the first safe (or reasonably safe) contract in order to make sure of staying out of trouble. To-day's hand is a case in point.

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 8 6		♠ 9 5	
♥ K Q J 10 5		♥ A 4 3	
♦ K Q J 10 9		♦ 8 6 4	
♣ 6		♣ K J 9 5 4	

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Q J 3 2		♠ A K 10 7 4	
♥ 9 7 6 2		♥ 8	
♦ A 7 3 2		♦ 5	
♣ 8		♣ A Q 10 7 3 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South played the hand as well as he could and was down only two tricks, for a penalty of 500 points. But he never should have been at so high a contract; North should have passed at two spades! Consider the information available to North at the point where South had bid two spades.

By beginning with the clubs and bidding the spades later on, South showed that he had more clubs than spades. (It was possible that he had two four-card suits, but his next bid ruled that possibility out.) And by rebidding the spades, he showed that he had a five-card spade suit. Hence he had at least six clubs and only two red cards at most.

If South had only two red cards, North would not be well off at a heart or diamond contract. Furthermore, North should have realised that South would not give up his two suits just to let North play the hand at a bad red trump contract. Moreover, if South had only two red cards, the North hand was practically worthless to him. Hence, further bidding could not do the North-South cause any good and might lead to serious trouble.

North should have stopped to reason this all out, and then he would have passed safely at two spades. There's a big difference between making 60 points below the line and giving the opponents 500 above the line.

Yesterday, you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3	
♥ A Q 7 3 2	
♦ A 4 2	
♣ 6 5	

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner could have bid four clubs, two or more no-trump, or he could have raised the hearts. Instead of making any of these stronger bids, he made a minimum rebid in his own suit. Game is very unlikely, and a pass may save you from a bad contract.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for three hearts.

Question No. 792

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



A team of Auxiliary Territorial Service riders competed in an inter-services motor cycle team trial in the North of England. The trial was organised by the Home Guard and riders from the Army, Home Guard, and A.R.P. also took part. Private Hampson of the A.T.S. was experiencing her first trial ride. Here she is taking water splash.

NEW ADVANTAGE TO B.B.C.

A deputation from the Institute of Journalists protested to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, Mr. Harold Nicolson, against the preferential treatment which, it claimed, was accorded the B.B.C. in the issue of public statements important news.

Mr. Nicolson, who received the deputation on behalf of the Minister for Information, denied the allegations of favouritism to the B.B.C., but promised to place the deputation's case before the Minister.

The deputation submitted recent examples which were described as "instances of deliberate discrimination against the newspapers," adding that it was impossible to resist the conclusion that the frequent release of important news items in time for the B.B.C. news was more than a coincidence.

The deputation pointed out that the newspapers would almost certainly give Ministerial pronouncements a better show if the B.B.C. had not already taken the bloom from them. It disclaimed any animus against the B.B.C., stating that wartime emergencies imposed immense disabilities of a physical kind on the newspapers, which was an additional reason for seeing that the B.B.C.'s privileges did not transcend the obligations of fair play.

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"One just has the desire," she said, according to Reuter, "to do everything one can to show appreciation for that kind of courage and that kind of determination to preserve the way of life which is at least a free choice of the people who are living in it."

"To-day, it seems to me that this decision of having a free choice as to what you will do is one that many of us have got to face and have got to decide whether we think it important for the future. I think the choice of being able to say what you think and do what you think right is one that we all must be at the back of in this country."



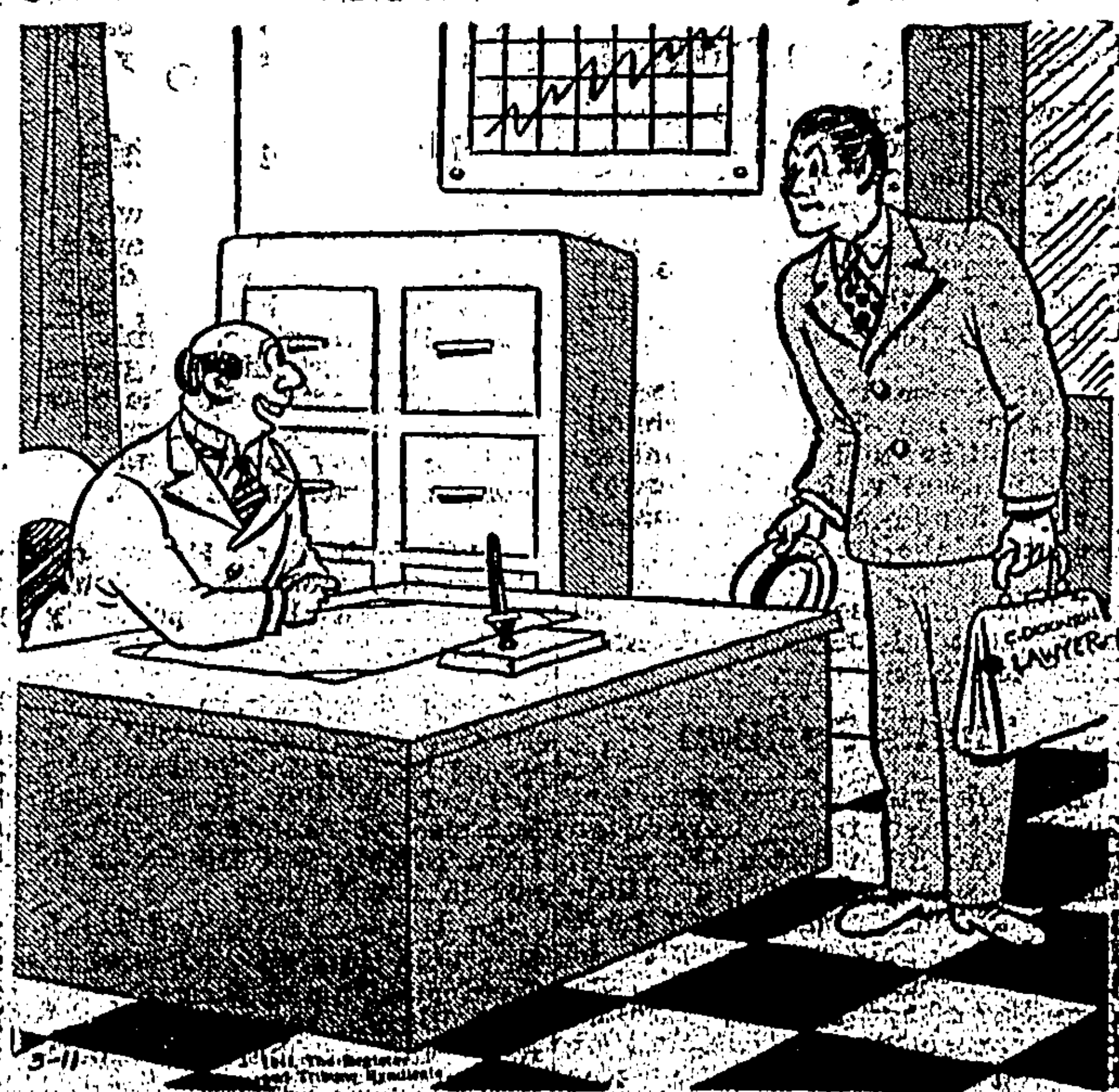
Dieting Dot says if she could balance the scales as well as she can her menus weights and measures would cease to be her problem.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Cool Coiffure To Outwit Heat

About now you would probably give your fortune for a cool snow-drift! Heated scalp, perspiring skin, sparkle-drained eyes and a definite slump in your spirit. That's you. Well, buck up and learn a few self-cooling tricks.

What about your coiffure. Is it a cool one so arranged to keep wads of heavy hair off your neck? Why go about with a shoulder too high for comfort, when your hair can be combed up to the top of your head anchored with an elastic band and the curly ends so arranged to give you a piquant, cool look? Yes, such a flower-pot arrangement is quite the vogue this summer and all long bob girls are happy that someone invented it for heavy long hair need not be thinned or cut short to be comfortable. You try it right now.

Now to treat that hot skin. Fold a couple of face tissues into a pad and drench it with chilled skin freshener. Pat the back of your neck, your throat, temples first, then the rest of your face and the palms of your hands. Use two pads at one time if you wish for quicker results. Not even the boss could object to your doing this during the hottest part of the afternoon -- if he does, suggest that he try it, too! Those of you who play cook one minute and hostess the next could keep a bottle of freshener in the icebox and use it just before you take off your apron to make your appearance in the living room. It actually does the trick.

Keep Fresh This Way

Summer is the time to cultivate that extra-clean look. This requires very thorough cream cleansings. Put four or five generous blobs of cream on face and quickly spread them over your face with upward strokes with fingertips which have been dipped into icy water. Again dip your fingers in the ice water and briskly spank your face for at least three minutes. This awakens tired pores and makes them discharge every bit of grime and waste so when you remove the cream with tissues your face is

This refreshingly youthful and cool coiffure for long hair was designed by Andre of Richard Hudnut Salon, Miss Elizabeth Derby, New York debutante, models it.



clean and soft and smooth. Then a brisk dabbing with chilled freshener before you powder. If your powder cakes during the summer, or gets moist and unlovely try this: after powdering press your face with a wad of cotton first-saturated with cold freshener and then wrung dry. This sets your powder and keeps your complexion looking fresh hours longer. And for a quick pick-up at the end of a long hot day, clean your face with cream and then lie down cover your entire face and neck with folded tissue pads moistened with chilled freshener. Leave just a breathing hole in one for your mouth! This is guaranteed to banish that so-exhausted feeling and put you in a party mood. The clever beauty has tricks for remaining cool and fresh and good natured right through the day and night!

Crawl To Invite Figure Beauty



The modern Belle gets her quota of summer exercise. Helen Parrish likes swimming and wears it keeps her figure streamlined!

Stout girls write me and complain that swimming does not slim their figures. Slim girls write and tell me that swimming doesn't seem to add glamour to their figures. And I answer, "Learn and practice the crawl if you wish to invite figure beauty for its timing, kick, rhythm and pull is bound to make your figure and your face more beautiful!"

The trouble is many swimmers are lazy. They jump into the sea, splash about for five minutes and then out on the hot sand they go to remain for an hour or two. No figure beauty is possible without effort so at least one-half hour of a day at the beach should be spent swimming. Fifteen minutes one time, sun for awhile, and fifteen minutes again.

The crawl calls every muscle and bone into coordination. Even the twisting of the neck as your face comes up for air--first one side, then the other--helps to beautify you. Double chin banish. Too skinny necks fill out if breathing is deep and rhythmical.

Face muscles firm and skin texture is greatly improved. Even the salt sea water washes and beautifies the eyes! So not one of you can write and tell me that swimming the crawl does not improve your figure. If it doesn't you are not swimming enough.

A Fair Test

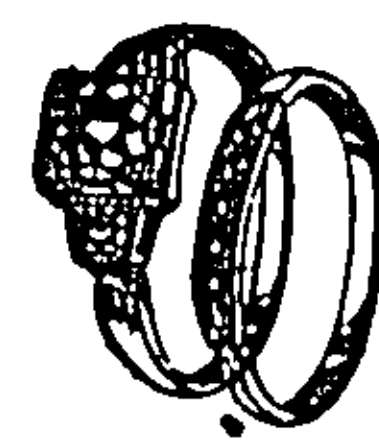
Now that the summer is here and swimming opportunities plentiful, I urge every girl and woman to learn how to swim and then to learn how to do the crawl correctly. A few lessons from a friend who swims well, or from a professional teacher, should be sufficient, once you acquire the knack of deep breathing and rhythmical kicking and pulling. And what compensations there are in swimming well. Your health improves, your spirits soar, your beauty is enhanced! You get fun while you exercise. You find swimming enthusiasts in every summer crowd and, most important, you develop a poise and assurance which radiates beauty when you want to look your best and to be your most alluring! Hair can be kept dry by wear-

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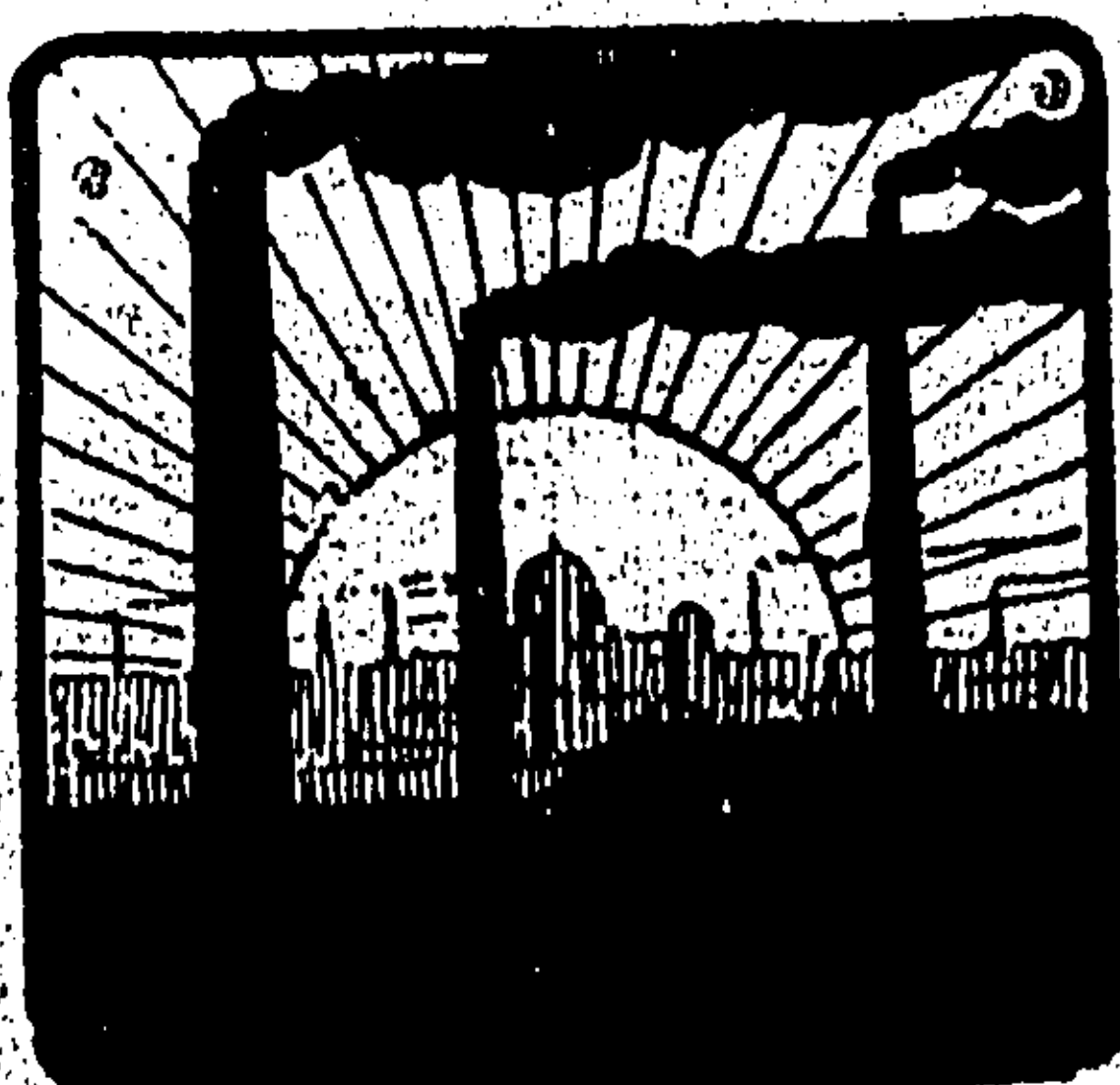
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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—An Irving Berlin Programme. I'm Sorry For Myself; When Winter Comes (both from film "Second Fiddle")... Mary Healy with Orch. "On The Avenue"—Piano Medley.... Vivian Ellis.

A Little Old Church In England; Because I Love You... Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra. Easter Parade; Say It With Music (both from film "Alexander's Ragtime Band")... Henry King and his Orchestra. Alexander's Ragtime Band (from film)... The Boswell Sisters (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano. Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories—Intro: Kitten on the Keys; Ukulele Lady; What'll I Do; Caroline in the Morning; Chilly-Born-Born; Dancing Time; Keep on Humming; April Showers; Indian Love Call; I'll Build A Stairway to Paradise. Parade of the Sandwich-Board Men. Phil The Fluter's Ball. Where The Blue Begins—Intro: Love Stay In My Heart (from film "Top of the World").

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News. 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordeon Band and Dick Todd (Vocal). Meet Me Down In Sunset Valley (Gilbert); My Heaven In The Pines (Campbell, Sigler, Conrad).... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band. When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano (Leon Rene).... Dick Todd with Orchestra.

When Shall We Two Meet Again? (Bradbury-Smith-Kennedy); Go To It! (Hill-Titherage).... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band. It's A Hundred To One (Kemper-Jurgens); Blue Orchids (Hoaxy Carmichael).... Dick Todd with Orchestra.

Six Hits Of The Day, No. 40—Intro: All Over The Place; There'll Come Another Day; Bless 'Em All; Ferryboat Serenade; Sierra Sue; I'm Nobody's Baby.... Primo Scala Accordeon Band.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"A Marriage Has Been Arranged". A One-act Play by Alfred Sutro. Produced by Leonard Starbuck.

9.25 p.m.—The New Symphony Orchestra. Valse Triste ("Kuolema"—Sibelius). Solemn Melody (Walford Davies). "Henry VIII" Dances (Edward German)—Shepherd's Dance; Morris Dance; Torch Dance. Mediterranean (Bax).

9.45.10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Liszt—Ballade in B Minor. Louis Kentner (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Land We Defend"—"The Western Highlands and Islands".

10.45 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates. Four Ways Suite: Northwards—Southwards—Eastwards—Westwards.... The New Light Symphony Orch.

A Song Remembered.... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.

London Bridge March.... The New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Music Of The Night.... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano.

By The Sleepy Lagoon.... Orchestre Raymonde.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

FIREPROOF LIQUID

Sir John Madsen, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Sydney University, who is one of a group of five Australian scientists who will establish headquarters in the United States and England in connection with the war effort, has been invited to attend a demonstration at Washington of a new fire-proofing liquid which the United States War and Navy Departments are investigating.

Australian officials in the United States are taking a keen interest in this material, which will be made available by the inventor, a Scandinavian occultist, who, after many years of experimenting, perfected it at Los Angeles.

The material is said to have very high military advantages, and aeroplane fabrics, treated with it, will not burn. A blazing thermite bomb can be doused quickly with a few shovels of sawdust treated with the liquid, and a blazing tank of crude oil can be extinguished with a spray.

NIGHTINGALE V. BANSHEE

A nightingale sings when the sirens sound at Hanham Abbots, near Bristol, and an expert on bird life declares that the song is in a spirit of rivalry.

FAMOUS LONDON BUILDINGS HIT IN RECENT RAIDS

FURTHER DETAILS of damage inflicted by the enemy on famous London buildings and institutions in recent raids may now be revealed.

Queen's Hall, London's internationally famous concert hall, has been severely damaged, and instruments valued at thousands of pounds belonging to the London Philharmonic Orchestra have been destroyed.

After the raid the L.P.O. arrived to give a concert, and found themselves without hall or instruments.

Other instruments were borrowed and the concert was given in the Royal Academy of Music.

The manager sat at a table on the pavement to direct the audience as they arrived. Within an hour the orchestra gave their advertised programme without alteration.

Queen's Hall was opened in 1893, and two years later the first of the famous "Proms" was conducted there by Sir Henry Wood. Paderewski was once paid £1,000, a record fee, for a concert there. Richard Strauss and Toscanini made their London debuts at Queen's Hall.

St. James's Palace was hit by two high-explosive bombs. The main damage was done at Friary Court, in Marlborough Gate, the part of the palace precincts most familiar to the public, as it flanks the road into the park and is often the scene of the Changing of the Guard.

Residential quarters on the side of the court nearest the park were badly damaged, and so was the office of the Superintendent of Works.

London Museum Damaged

The London Museum, which is in the precincts, was also hit. Part of the building will have to be demolished and rebuilt.

Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was hit by a number of incendiaries. Most of these were extinguished before damage could be done, but the chapel was burnt out.

The chapel is now a mass of charred timbers. The private pew used by Queen Elizabeth in the 16th century was badly damaged, but the Altar cloth and other valuable articles were saved.

Juxon Hall, the 15th-century ecclesiastical library, was damaged by fire, and thousands of its books were either destroyed or damaged.

Court-Room Vanished

The Old Bailey has had its Newgate Street wing shattered by a high-explosive bomb. One of the court-rooms of the Central Criminal Court has vanished.

The central part of the building and the other wing remain intact, and the figure of Justice still stands on the dome with sword outstretched and scales balanced.

Two porters on duty, Harry Dart and Harold Sheehy, were killed in the raid. This is the third time that the Old Bailey has been bombed.

St. Clement Danes Church, in the Strand, has been reduced to charred walls and a tower, after being hit by incendiary bombs for the third time. Two days afterwards the smoke still curled up from the rubble.

Of its 12 bells made famous in the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons," two are cracked, but the bells may yet peal again. The parish registers were saved.

The church was designed by Wren and completed in 1682. The Salvation Army Headquarters in Queen Victoria Street have been burned out. Most of the records were destroyed, though some may still be safe in the strong room. Headquarters work is being carried on by the Salvation Army at its college at Denmark Hill.

St. Thomas's Hospital has twice been bombed again recently. Nightingale House, where the Lady of the Lamp founded her nurses' home, has been partly destroyed, and Florence Nightingale's carriage was wrecked.

R. A. F. URGES SABOTAGE

Britain has called in propaganda to aid the R.A.F.'s offensive over northern France, which is being relentlessly continued with increasing daring.

A member of the Air Staff broadcast a call to Frenchmen to sabotage French factories which were working for Germany.

He declared: "The R.A.F.'s hammer-blows have caused havoc to the German armament factories, and German workers and engineers are panic-stricken."

"Germany is now replacing her own nationals with Frenchmen who have been lured from their homes."

"The Germans are striving to accelerate their production in order to counter-balance the American aid to Britain. Therefore, Germany needs new centres of production, and is taking over French factories."

"French workers: Your output is being used in the fight against your liberators. Remember that the R.A.F. is determined to smash German industry wherever it is situated."

"Therefore, follow my advice and abandon work in factories for work in the country. Evacuate your women and children from the neighbourhood of the factories. If you are forced to stay in the factories run to shelters when the alert sounds."

"If the Germans do not sound an alert, listen for the zooming of the planes and then forsake your benches. If there is no shelter, force the Germans to build you one."



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JAPANESE BONDS ON DOWNWARD TREND

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was quietly steady. Far Eastern uncertainties influenced the markets early, but the firmness of the undertone again became apparent towards the close.

Breweries and South American rails continued to advance on further buying, while Japanese bonds were on the downward trend, but elsewhere movements were generally trifling with gilt-edged securities and Kaffirs a shade lower, but oils and Industrials were well held.—Reuter.

61 CHURCHES WERE DESTROYED

DETAILS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES DAMAGED IN AIR RAIDS WERE GIVEN AS—

London.—Sixty-three churches slightly damaged; thirty-two badly damaged; twenty-eight destroyed.

Provinces.—Seventy-seven slightly damaged; fifty badly damaged; thirty-three destroyed.

STRUCTURE OF ABBEY INTACT

The general structure of Westminster Abbey is stated to be intact, though the bombing had caused surface injury to the Henry the Seventh Chapel and damage to some stonework. There was extensive loss in the Deanery and in premises tenanted by clergy and officials.

The Henry the Seventh Chapel is the Lady Chapel for the Abbey, and its "fan-tracery" ceiling, one of the finest in the world, was undamaged.

The organ, considered one of the finest in the country, was tested by Dr. Bullock, the Abbey organist, and by Dr. Peasgood, the sub-organist, and found to be undamaged. Dust will necessitate thorough cleaning, and the change of atmosphere due to the lantern being open to the sky has caused

the instrument to go out of tune. The music is safe.

The King's Inquiries

Where the King and Queen sat in their Coronation robes beneath the lantern was a heap of rubbish and broken wood. The King made special inquiries about the damage in the building.

The roof which runs over part of the Chapter House has been damaged by fire. Most of the books in the library are believed to be safe. The tomb of the Unknown Warrior was not touched.

Archdeacon Donaldson stated that the loss of the Deanery was irreparable, and irreplaceable records, furniture, and his library of thousands of books had been lost. "But it remains that no life has been sacrificed and the Abbey has been saved," he added.

Storm Of Anger

Dr. Perkins, the Sacrist, stated: "I can imagine the storm of anger that will sweep over our Dominions and America when the news of this latest exhibit of Aryan culture reaches them. The story ought to be told and I hope it will be told. It is one which will stamp Hitler for all time."

The Dean has received many telegrams expressing sympathy and a number of letters, the writers of some expressing indignation at the German action.

NEW PALESTINE FORCE

British subjects and Palestinian citizens are eligible for the Palestine Volunteer Force established under a new ordinance. The object of the new force is to "assist the Regular forces with all measures required for the defence of Palestine, within or beyond its borders or ensuring internal security."

The High Commissioner has power to determine the strength and establishment of officers and other ranks. The force is divided into three groups—combatant, a reserve group of persons whose services are primarily required in work in which they are normally engaged, and a reserve group for essential services.

The law provides pensions and gratuities for the wounded, as well as relief for wives and families unable to support themselves, and relief for widows and families of members killed. All are chargeable to the revenues of Palestine.

The head of the information section of the Jewish Agency has announced that nearly 10,000 Jews from Palestine are already serving in various units of the British forces.

GROWTH OF THE CANADIAN NAVY

Satisfactory figures showing the growth of the Canadian Navy were revealed yesterday when the Canadian Minister for Naval Affairs stated that Canada, having started war with thirteen ships and 1,774 officers and men, now had over 22,000 personnel and about 250 ships, including three armed merchant cruisers, thirteen destroyers, as well as many corvettes and mine sweepers. Mr. Angus MacDonald said the Canadian Navy provided half the destroyers which safely convoyed the Third Canadian Division which arrived in Britain recently.—British Wireless.

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The variety in the type of craft the British Navy is using to sweep the seas of the enemy has been steadily increasing.

The manifold menaces to be faced at sea have dictated a policy with which naval designers and architects have kept in step by conversion and mass production methods. And this has meant the rapid growth of the fleet of smaller ships whose equipment makes them equally effective as those released for other duties, they have replaced.

The latest of the small ships, coming off the stocks almost as fast as we can man them, is the now off-the-secret-list M.L. (motor launch), in one of which I had the doubtful pleasure of watching manoeuvres in the North Sea.

Like A Taxi

A small edition of the corvette, the M.L. is a vessel of about 100ft. long, with two engines, and has a speed round about 30 knots. Manoeuvrability is such that it can turn like a taxi, and, in my sea experience, is matchless for its roll!

It is fully equipped in armament to deal with U-boats, E-boats, and air attackers, and carries depth-charges.

As patrol vessel and convoy escort, it is ideally suited to the task. Its seaworthiness enables it to go out in weather and sea that would make operations by motor torpedo-boats too hazardous.

I watched from the bridge the swift jockeying and sliding into position rapid turns and sudden acceleration, and I quickly realised what a difficult target under attack the M.L. must be.

Altogether it is a very efficient naval weapon, but an extremely uncomfortable "ride" for the crew, and officers, particularly if they are unaccustomed to such a small ship.

SEA HERO'S 7TH MEDAL

A bar to his bronze medal is the seventh decoration awarded to Robert Cross, a Humber lifeboat coxswain.

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By "Incog."

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Here we have the story in a nutshell. It is not generally known, perhaps, that for those stationed on the Island, there are amenities enough for everything, so that those of us on the Hong Kong side who think life on Stonecutters must be "a hermit's life" are very much mistaken.

There are three sections on the Island, the Navy, the Army and the Dockyard Police, but it's one happy family and the slogan "one for all and all for one" cannot find better illustration than on Stonecutters.

Football Rivalry

Last week, for instance, the East side of the Island challenged the South to a game of football. As has already been reported in these columns, the game took place and ended in a draw.

But that very keen friendly rivalry that exists had to be appeased, and both teams were just as anxious to show that they were the better. Came the day, yesterday, when this all-important fixture was played again, but once more the teams had to be satisfied with sharing the honours. Gilmore sent his team ahead in the first half, and with only 15 minutes left for play, it certainly looked as though East would carry the day.

Cross' Equaliser

Cross, centre-forward for South, however, had other ideas about it. He received the ball when favourably placed, made a bee-line for the goal and sent in a rasping drive which gave Brunt, the East goalkeeper, no chance.

Both teams were striving hard for the lead when the referee, Chamberlain, blew the final whistle. It was a good game, but despite the breeze that blew across the ground, it was still a little too warm for a strenuous game of football.

The teams were:—
East: Brunt; Bratt, Bell; Slater, Cooper, Magorian; O'Hanlon, Marriott, Gilmore, Gibson and Goodwin.

South: Smith; Ho Sum, Walker, Hodgson, Baxter, Toplinn; Dickenson, Brown, Cross, Yee Shuk and Burn.

Referee: Chamberlain.

Tennis To Begin

Members of the Wireless Station on the Island are at the moment using the tennis courts to a very great extent, for their annual tennis competitions, on the knock-out basis, will shortly be starting.

It would be difficult to nominate the likely winners of the singles and doubles, as the players are very much of the same standard, but some very keenly contested games are expected and it is a pity that "mere outsiders" cannot visit the Island to watch some of these games for, as one of the men said, "It would be well worth the trouble."

LOJNIKOFF RETAINS HIS TITLE

A large crowd saw with little interest Paul Lojnikoff, reigning lightweight champion of China, defeat Al Dundee on points at the Cantidrome in one of the most colourless and featureless boxing programmes staged in Shanghai for a very long time, writes the "North China Daily News."

Not one knock out or even a semblance of one studded the eight events which went their run with the audience entirely apathetic as to the eventual results. Indeed quite a large percentage of those present took their leave prior to the final fight of the evening—that between the lightweight champion and Dundee—being announced.

True, Lojnikoff won just as he pleased. He won every round and without great difficulty, but the calibre of the opposition was (Continued in Next Col.)

ONE-SIDED BASEBALL OVER WEEK-END: 1 GAME TAKES 3 HOURS

MELROSE'S

RINK WIN

The final of Taikee Club's lawn bowls rink championship was decided last week when W. Melrose's four (H. Kow, F. Simpson, and H. Gilles) beat the rink led by R. Main (W. McKillop, H. Higgs and E. Wilson) 25-11.

BASEBALL MATCHES ARRANGED

A SPECIAL MEETING OF HONG KONG BASEBALL LEAGUE WAS HELD YESTERDAY TO ARRANGE THE INTERNATIONAL AND CHARITY FIXTURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

The International series will start on Sunday, when America and India will clash. On Saturday the first of the Charity series between United States Navy and Hong Kong will be played.

Following is the programme for the rest of the season.

Saturday, August 16:—Charity series—United States Navy v Hong Kong (first game).

Sunday, August 17:—International Series—United States v India.

Saturday, August 23:—Charity Series (second game).

International Series—Winner of United States v India game versus Portugal (holders).

Sunday, August 24:—International Series—China v Great Britain.

Saturday, August 30:—Charity Series (third game).

Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8:—Charity Series (last games).

Following have been chosen as conveners of the International teams:

Great Britain:—Sgt. Welford.
China:—F. C. Leung.
Portugal:—A. V. Gosano.
India:—K. Nazarin.
United States:—L. Pawloski.

As the League championship has already been decided the remaining games in the League will be fitted in during the week.

GAME POSTPONED

The Open Pairs Lawn Bowls game between S. R. Solima and K. M. Omar and W. McLeod and W. S. Dall, which was to have been played at Civil Service Cricket Club yesterday, was postponed at the last minute as Dall was on duty. The game will probably be played on Thursday.

such that Lojnikoff, as champion, should have finished the fight before the half-way mark was reached. But there he can't punch... and until he learns how to, he'll still be a second-rate, though he may remain champion... such is the standard of Shanghai boxing.

(By "Grandstand")

BOTH LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK-END PROVED TO BE ONE-SIDED VICTORIES, THE PENNANT-WINNING MINDANAOANS TROUNCING ROYAL ENGINEERS 27 TO 4 ON SATURDAY, WHILST "GRANDPA" LEUNG'S CHUNG HWA MAROONS PROVED THEIR SUPERIORITY OVER BASEBALLERS WHEN THEY SMOTHERED CHUCK WAGGONER'S MOH-AWKS 19 TO 8 IN A PAINFULLY SLOW GAME, WHICH LASTED ALMOST THREE HOURS.

The spirited Sappers' lack of practice for the past fortnight had a telling effect on them, when they committed a total of 12 miscues, whilst losing hurlers Mack Shaw and Micky Sarsfield were found for 16 solid blows by the merry-making mace-maulers, in a batting spree in which third-sacker Bowersox earned a perfect batting figure in three trips to the plate to chase in their runs with a trio of rasping singles.

Table To Date

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	7	1	.875
*H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	5	3	.625
U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	5	.375
Royal Engineers	2	6	.250
South China	1	6	.146

* Since withdrawn.

Al Lau's Hurling

Behind the steady hurling of Al Lau, the Maroons overpowered Hong Kong Baseballers 19 to 5, despite the fact that the losers paraded three slabs, who yielded a total of seven blows for six innings.

Maroon hurler Al Lau, who tolled on the slab for five frames, fanned four and walked two during his mound tenure, whilst relief chucker, Wally Ching, who finished the game, struck out two and passed one in two innings of masterful pitching, climaxed by a thrilling twin-killing.

After the Chung Hwa men had unleashed a hitting attack which netted them eight markers in the fifth, "Doo! Mo!" was called in to put out the fire.

The mound maestro retired Pete Choy and "Specs" Shum in order, but the damage was done. In the sixth, the "Bone-setter" whiffed Ken Lo, Morogoo Chan and "Grandpa" Leung to retire the side, for the only shut-out frames.

Although the Baseballers bungled 11 chances, some sparkling fielding plays were dashed out, the most brilliant being a dazzling double-killing completed by the Mohawk key-stone pair of Nip Lum and Mark Wong, when the former froze on the morose Chan's scolding line and relayed the pellet to second sacker Wong to tag Gilt Chang off the bag.

Maroon first-sacker, Hank Chan, earned batting honours by clouting a three-inning chase in a total of five frames, whilst Carvalho, former Recado diamond artist, holding the initial station for the Baseballers, connected for two-innings with a double and a single in his first appearance of the season.

Box scores are as follows:

CHUNG HWA	H.	R.	E.
P. F. Choy	0	2	0
Shum	0	1	0
Chung	0	1	0
K. H. Lo	0	0	0
Bill Chang	0	2	0
M. Chan	1	2	0
W. Ching	1	3	1
F. C. Leung	0	0	0
U. T. Chan	3	4	2
Babe Chinn	1	1	0
T. H. Loong	0	1	0
Willie Woo	1	1	0
Al Lau	0	1	0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	1	0	3	8	0	3	19
Hits	0	0	1	3	2	1	7	14

MOHAWKS	H.	R.	E.
Nip Lum	2	2	3
Waggoner	0	1	1
Molhen	0	1	0
Elder	0	1	0
M. Wong	0	0	1
Smith	0	1	2
Carvalho	2	0	2
E. M. Marques	0	1	2
Tony Silva	0	1	0

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Runs	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	8
Hits	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	4

Mr. E. O. Kirby paid 600 guineas for Methuen, winner of the Melbourne Grand National Hurdle, and won a £3,000 to £500 bet on the horse when he won by five lengths. The £500 was on offer at the time of the betting.

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SCHOOLBOY REPORTED SWIMMING STAR

THIS LAD IS 15 NOW, BUT SOME DAY HE MAY BE AS PROMINENT IN THE SWIMMING WORLD AS JOHNNY WEISMULLER, RALPH FLANAGAN, AND ELEANOR HOLM.

He's Kenny Marsh, member of Roosevelt High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and any swimming coach in Iowa would give a lot if the boy were on his team.

Competing in the junior B division, he swam the 40-yard free-style in 0:10.4, two-tenths second better than his former best time, and the 100-yard free-style in 0:27, nearly two seconds faster than his old time. In both events, he was well ahead of the times recorded by older competitors.

Marsh in 44 competitive starts has led the field across the finish line 42 times and has swum on 15 winning relay teams. He holds the State A.A.U. men's record for the 100-yard free-style.

Dave Armbruster, coach at the University of Iowa, hopes Marsh fulfills his plans to enroll there upon graduation from high school.

The youth began swimming when eight years old and almost ever since he has been swimming from four to six hours a day. He is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, and has tremendous arm strength. His coach, Lea Baughman, says he's just beginning to utilise his strength and that he will make even faster times.

'VARSITY CRICKET NETS UP

By "Incog"

University cricketers evidently believe in the old axiom that the "early bird catches the worm," for while other cricket clubs have not so much as thought of practice, they have had a few nets already, and have fixed Tuesdays and Thursdays as official days for practice at Pokfulam.

In conversation with S. Mahmoud, Hon. Secretary of University Cricket Club I learned that all the old reliables will be available this season, but though no definite news has yet been received regarding the arrival of fresh blood, indications are that some very useful cricketers will be going up this term from Malaya.

Rumjahn's Coaching

After a slump that lasted not a few seasons, University cricket took a definite turn for the better last season, and this was attributed by the undergraduates to the many evenings that A. H. Rumjahn, former University captain and Indian R. C. 1st XI batsman spent on the Pokfulam ground, showing the University men the finer points of the game.

Mahmoud says that they will be holding their annual meeting shortly, but even before that comes off they were in inviting Rumjahn to act as coach to the team once again.

Many Players Away

In the meantime the attendance on practice days has not been exceptionally large due to the fact that a good many cricketers are at present away from the Colony for the Summer vacation, but they are all expected back soon, and cricket at Pokfulam should be in full swing by the end of the month.

The Sunday morning cricket matches that featured University cricket in the past have received a setback in that those of the cricketers remaining in the Colony for the holidays have had their time claimed by other activities.

"We hope to start our programme of matches for 1941-42 early next month," said Mahmoud, who added that already a few provisional fixtures have been arranged, these to be confirmed as soon as arrangements can be made for the use of the ground, the Tennis Club having prior claim during the Summer season.

Mohammedan Sporting Club qualified for the Semi-final of the Indian Football Association Shield tournament by beating Calcutta Football Club by 4 goals to 1 on Sunday.—Reuter.

Easier Golf

CHANGED PUTTING STANCE

By Best Ball

When Craig Wood changed his putting style, he apparently also changed his luck as far as major championships are concerned. For thirteen long years Wood had watched others win that most coveted of golf titles, the National Open Championship. This year, his fourteenth attempt for the crown, he struck the jackpot. Three strokes ahead of the field in both the National Open and the Masters' Open is sufficient proof that Wood's present position as top ranking pro is deserved. Powerfully built, around 200 pounds in weight, the present champion is one of the longer hitters, skilled at all shots from tee to green with the added ability of concentrating hard on each stroke.

For years Wood putted from a crouching stance over the ball, his left leg braced. He discovered that this bending over position tightened his muscles, prevented him from hitting the ball in a relaxed and comfortable position. The result was a stroke on the

INDIAN SOLDIERS ROLLER-SKATING

The latest converts to hockey-on-roller-skates are some of the Indian troops stationed at Lyomun, and a few of them will be playing in the League shortly.

BOMBER COMMAND BOXING

Boxing, always popular in the R.A.F., is being stimulated still more by the visits which Pilot Officer Len Harvey, British and Empire heavyweight champion, is paying to Air Force stations. Pilot Officer Harvey, with muscles bulging through his tunic, is a physical fitness officer in the R.A.F.V.R.

One of his most successful exhibition bouts was recently given in a hangar at one of the stations of the Bomber Command. He was the highlight of a long boxing programme in which airmen from many other stations took part. The spectators included the Air Officer Commanding the Group, many members of the W.A.A.F., who were given ringside seats, bomber crews and ground staff. All together there was a "gate" of about 1,200.

The hangar was cleared of aircraft and a ring set up in the middle, brightly lit by lamps swung from the high roof. With the massive steel doors closed the hangar made an ideal boxing theatre. W.A.A.F. members sold programmes until the fights began, then they rushed to the seats provided for them. And on the edge of the crowd stood bomber crews in their flying kit. They had to leave before the end of the show, to make last-minute preparations for a raid on Germany.

Army's Part

The Army cooperated by providing a demonstration of the "do's and don'ts" of boxing, an amusing and instructive item in which dirty fighting was exaggerated to point out the moral and explain the duties of a referee. It was the only occasion on which the spectators were allowed to use their voices during the fighting.

Officers and airmen were brought from other bomber stations by car and bus. One station sent its orchestra. One of the keenest spectators was Len Harvey who, both before and after his own bout, watched critically from the ringside the performance of the other boxers. Later he discussed the fights with the stations' physical training instructors.

As the uniformed crowd left the hangar the bombers were taking off from the aerodrome.

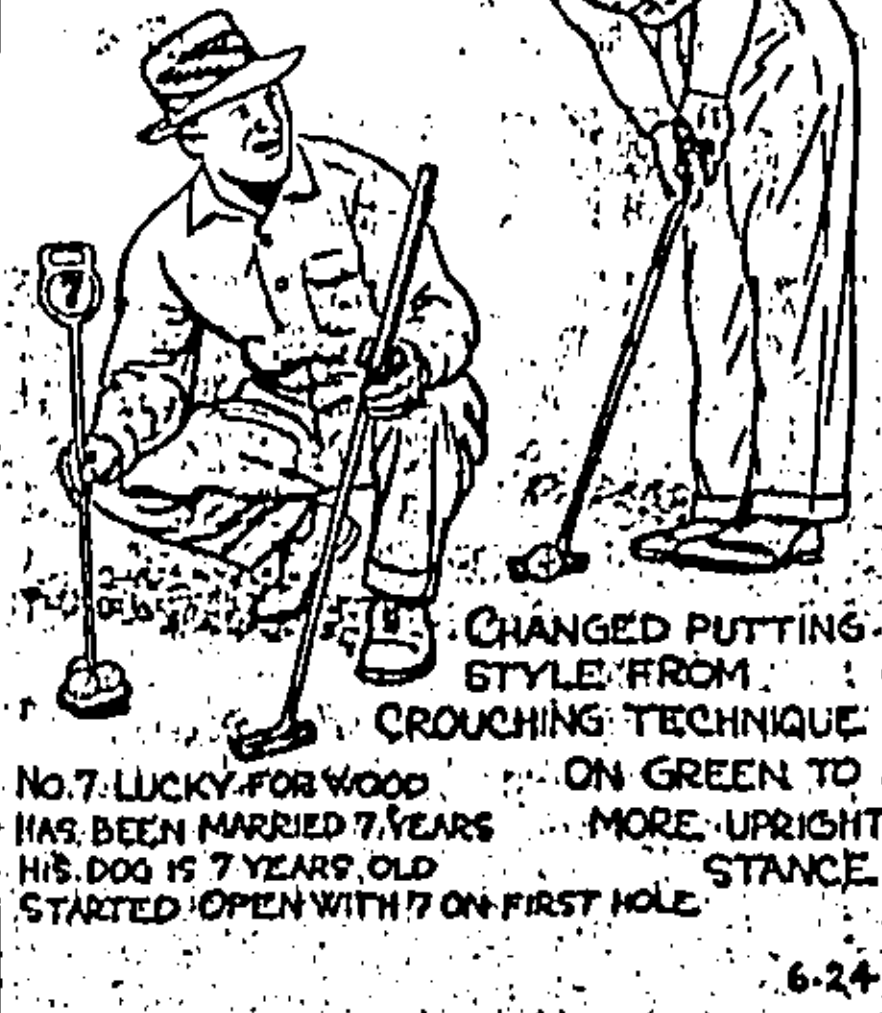
Frank Kovacs and Bobby Riggs are regarded by Don McNeill as the big threats to a successful defence of his American lawn tennis singles crown this Summer.

Owing to the fact that Volunteer duties etc. have made it impossible for Talkoo and Recrelo to arrange a date for the completion of their Second Division Lawn Bowls League game, which was abandoned, owing to rain, on August 2, it has been decided to leave it over till the end of the season.

A newly-fledged Officer of Royal Air Force is Pilot Officer C. F. Walters, better known as the Worcestershire captain for five years, and who led an England XI against Australia in the 1934 Test series. Walters, who has just completed a training course as an Administrative Officer, has now taken up his duties at R.A.F. Headquarters.

CRAIG WOOD, POPULAR NEW

NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPION, OWES RECENT SUCCESS TO PHENOMENAL PUTTING



CHANGED PUTTING STYLE FROM CROUCHING TECHNIQUE

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jabbing side and a goodly share of missed putts. Recently Wood switched to an upright style reminiscent of the form employed by Bobby Jones when the Atlantan was winning championships. Wood, as illustrated here, now stands more upright and strokes the ball in a smooth, even method.

Next Article: Value of Putting Warning Up!

SUTCLIFFE AND HUTTON IN BIG STAND

THE ARMY-AIR FORCE MATCH AT HARROGATE WAS THE OUTSTANDING CRICKET FIXTURE DURING THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3. EACH SIDE HAD A VICTORY EARLIER THIS SEASON AND THE ARMY WON THIS TIME BY 8 WICKETS, PASSING THE AIRMEN'S TOTAL OF 144 FOR THE LOSS OF TWO WICKETS.

SAPPERS WIN ARMY LEAGUE

Royal Engineers "A" won "A" division of Army Tennis League with 23 points, being four points ahead of their nearest rivals, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Sappers dropped only four sets during the League.

"B" Division is expected to be concluded in 10 days' time, after which the Army Championships commence.

Following are the final official standings of the teams in "A" League:

Final Standings

	P	W	L	Pts.
Royal Engineers "A"	27	23	4	23
R.A.O.C.	27	19	8	19
R.A.M.C.	27	18	9	18
R.A.S.C.	27	16	11	16
R.A.P.C.	27	12	15	12
5th A.A. R.A.	27	11	16	11
Royal Signals	27	11	16	11
Indian M.S.	27	9	18	9
Royal Engineers "B"	27	8	19	8

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are to-day's League Tennis fixtures:

First Division—H.K.U.T.C. v. C.D.R.; C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.
Second Division—C.R.C. v. A.T.C.; K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.; S.C.A.A. v. K.T.G.C.A.

Indications are that Corwin Clatt will further his education at University of Notre Dame. Corry Clatt was East Peoria Community High's All-Illinois full-back. A 200-pound, battering ram, he was beset by alumni and representatives of more than 30 colleges.

Flying-officer Dan Maskell, professional of the All-England Club, beat Squadron-leader C. E. Maffroy, the New Zealand Davis Cup player, in a Red Cross lawn tennis tournament at Bournemouth recently by 6-0, 7-5. This was one of the rare occasions when amateurs and professionals were opposed in a serious match.

Major Sutcliffe, 36, and Sergeant Hutton, 58, figured in a good first wicket stand for Army, and later Peter Smith took 5 wickets for 22, being mainly responsible for the airmen's dismissal. He took the last four for only 14 runs.

At Taunton, Somerset beat Gloucestershire in an inter-services match by 184 runs, declaring at 261 runs for nine and then dismissing their rivals for 77. R.J.O. Meyer took 3 wickets for 10 runs after being top scorer with 76, which he hit in 45 minutes.

The airmen at Hove gained an exciting 8-run victory, dismissing Sussex, captained by Maurice Tate, for 215, after Pilot-Officer Arthur Gilligan had declared the Air Force innings at 223 for 9.

The airmen were indebted to Sergeant Oakes for 101 not out. Later he took 4 wickets for 31 after the County's first wicket had put on over 100 runs.

Another Air Force XI drew with Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, scoring 190 for 8 after the County had declared at 289 for 9. Sergeant Hardstaff hit 119 for Air Force.—Reuter.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT KOWLOON TONG

Forced to concede three sets, owing to the non-appearance of T. E. Ling, and S. K. Yee, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association were beaten by South China by 8 sets to 1 in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League yesterday. S. C. Dew and P. C. Szeto (S.C.A.A.) beat F. H. Kwok and P. Fletcher 7-5 lost to E. Lee and C. C. Ma 5-7. K. H. Ip and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.) beat Kwok and Fletcher 6-3 beat Lee and Ma 6-2. W. T. Lee and W. O. Hok (S.C.A.A.) beat Kwok and Fletcher 6-3 beat Lee and Ma 6-1.

Table To Date

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	25	2
C.B.C.	2	2	0	0	14 1/2	3 1/2
K.T.G.C.A.	4	2	2	0	17 1/2	4
K.P.C.	2	1	1	0	6 1/2	1 1/2
A.T.C.	2	0	2	0	4 1/2	1 1/2
C.S.C.C.	3	0	3	0	4	23

Umpires in the American national semi-pro baseball tournament this Summer are wearing white uniforms.

NO ONE STAYING BEHIND

Cable advice was received this morning that all members of Eastern's touring football team have left Thursday Island, and are expected in Hong Kong at the end of the month.

WAH KIU JOIN THE LEADERS

Two games were played yesterday in the Basketball League. Wah Kiu beat Ping Ching by 49 points to 39 and Yu Leung getting the better of Victoria Recreation Club by 45-35.

Following were the scorers. Wah Kiu: Tang Fuk-hon (25), Lau Ping-chun (8), Tang Yiu-ming (6), Ng Ho-fu (8), Luk Yau-kan (2). Ping Ching: Chan Yiu-ming (14), Cheung Yiu-ming (14), Shing Yan-wing (3), Fung Chik-hung (1), Lo Pak-tat (4), Wong Ho-kwong (1), Fu Kwok-tung (2).

Yu Leung: Ng Chi-ngan (17), Leung Wai-hung (14), Tso Sai-wong (4), Kam Yim (6), Sam Cho-wing (2), Wong Tung-cho (2).

V.R.C.: A. Azedo (16), A. Alves (2), J. Xavier (6), R. Maxwell (6), M. Gotreux (2), G. N. Gosano (1), L. Rosario (2).

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	Pts.
South China	2	2	0	4
National University	2	2	0	4
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	2	2	0	4
Wah Kiu	2	2	0	4
Residents' Union	3	2	1	4
Black Cats	2	1	1	2
Youths	2	1	1	2
Sing Tao	2	1	1	2
Indian Police	2	1	1	2
Yu Leung	3	1	2	2
V.R.C.	1	0	1	0
Bank Union	2	0	2	0
Trojans	2	0	2	0
Ping Ching	3	0	3	0

English Football Association lost 29,287 last season.

Horace Lindrum, Australian snooker champion, has started a campaign for war funds, and two exhibition matches have produced £25.15 and £33.

The Quarter Final game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship between C. S. Rosset's championship rink (R. Basar A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) and U. M. Omar's rink (K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and B. W. Bradbury) will be played on Sunday next at Kowloon Football Club.

In the inter-zone finals in the French tennis tourney in Paris on August 3 Destremau defeated Ramillon by 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, while Boussus and Destremau defeated Ramillon and Narisi 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. In the ladies' singles Mlle. Weverts defeated Mme. Peghers by 6-3, 6-0, while in the ladies' doubles Mlle. Weverts and Mlle. de Saint-Omer won by 6-3, 6-1 against Mlle. Charpenel and Mlle. Vives.

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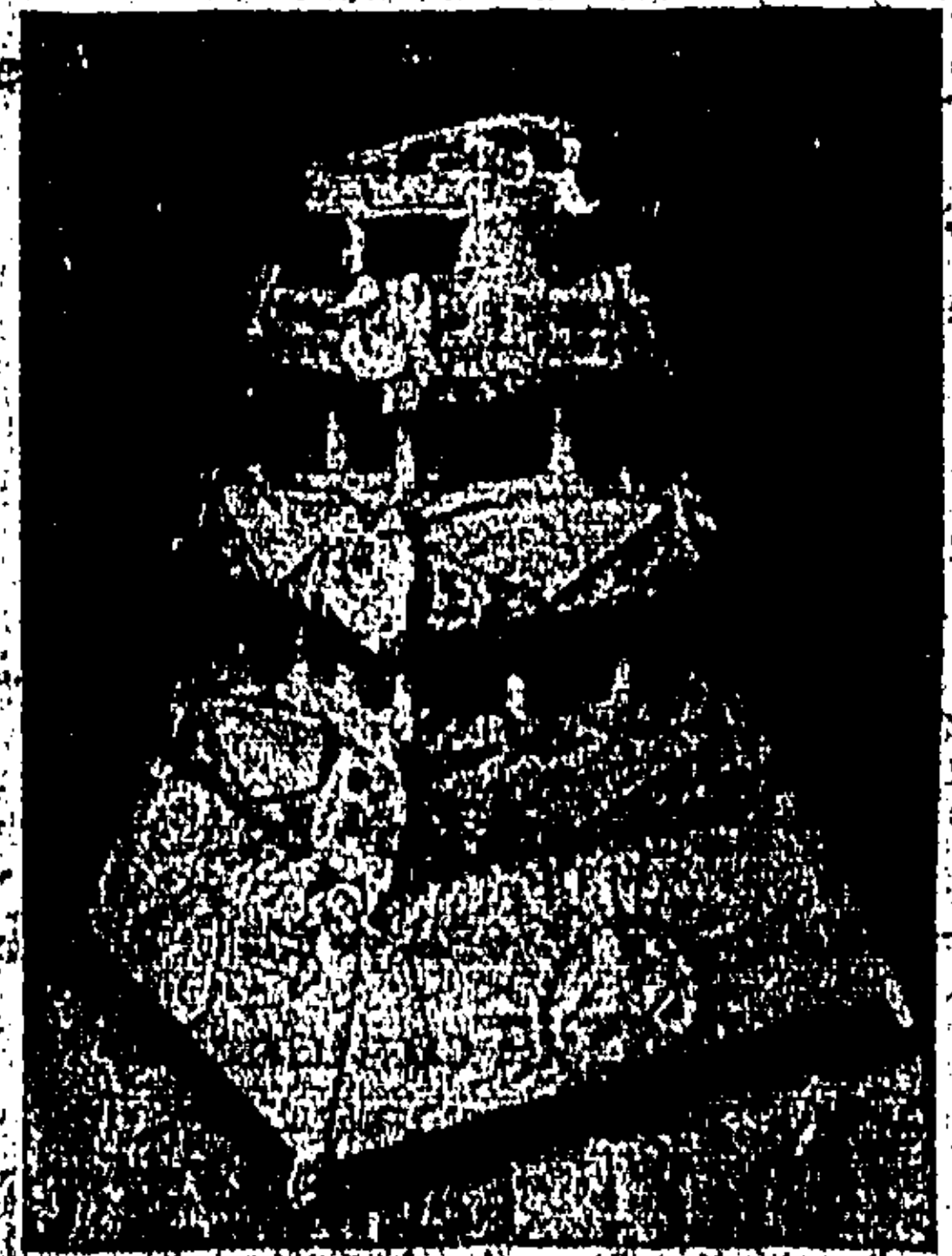
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RUSSIAN RAIDS ON BERLIN

DESPITE THE OFFICIAL GERMAN STATEMENT THAT RAIDING RUSSIAN BOMBERS WERE TURNED BACK BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ON SUNDAY NIGHT, THEY APPARENTLY REACHED SOME SUBURBS OF BERLIN, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM NEWS-PAPER, "AFTONBLADET."

The correspondent said that the noise of the raiders was apparently not heard in the centre of the capital but the people in the suburbs declared that the sound of Russian machines was clearly different from that of British planes.—Reuter.

Nazi 'Explanation'

Following "explanation" of Russian air raids on Berlin was given by a German military spokesman last night over the German wireles:

"The Soviet High Command knew it had no superiority in the air and that was why they were now carrying out propaganda flights in which they dropped bombs on Reich territory."

"Although only a small number of planes were sent, Soviet propaganda tried to magnify the results of these attacks which had no military value."—Reuter.

Large Fires

Many incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on military targets when Berlin was bombed by Soviet planes on Sunday night, according to the Moscow radio, quoted by London. Large fires were observed from the Soviet bombers, all but one of which returned safely.—Reuter.

Plenty Of Leave For Garrison

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

"THE SITUATION AT TOBRUK HAS ACHIEVED THE PARADOX OF AT ONCE BEING EXTREMELY LIVELY AND ENTIRELY STABLE," DECLARED AN ENGLISH CAPTAIN WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THERE WITH OTHERS OF TOBRUK'S GARRISON FOR A SPELL OF LEAVE.

"Our Axis pals seem slow in learning from our own mistakes, for they still persist in the Stuka dive-bombing which was very wasteful as regards bombs, which rarely do anything but bury themselves in the sand."

"I have experienced hundreds of Stuka raids and their effect was really negligible, although the enemy seem to think our nerves are shaken by them."

The captain said that his leave ship was heavily bombed as they left Tobruk harbour, but was not hit.

The best reply to Axis propaganda that Tobruk is besieged is the presence in Cairo of troops on leave from Tobruk who had no difficulty in getting out, and anticipate returning to duty in Tobruk shortly with equal facility.

"Preferential Service"

Tobruk, in fact, is being serviced and maintained perhaps more copiously than other front-line positions because it was possible to send labour consignments at one time by sea as by land.

The troops here, with the brown toughened skin of Tobruk habits, receive preferential service in the restaurants. As one proprietor said, "the gentlemen of Tobruk always come first in my establishment."

ANTI-TOKYO OPINION STRONG

Two special nation-wide radio broadcasts in America yesterday featured the Far Eastern crisis and the United States' policy towards Japan, indicating increasing concern over Thailand developments.

The University of Chicago Round Table Discussion originating from New York, featured Mr. Tyler Dennet, former adviser to the State Department, Dr. H. F. MacNair, Chicago Professor of Far Eastern History, and Mr. Nathaniel Peffer, Professor of International Relations at Columbia University.

The commentators were unanimous that Britain and America should attack from the flank if Japan invaded Thailand. All urged the United States to take immediate steps and to compel Japan to recede from the South Pacific, adding that the only way to establish peace in the Far East was by war.

Washington Discussion

United States' policy towards Japan was discussed in Washington by Mr. Paul McNutt, Mr. Hamilton Fish, Mr. Maury Meyerick of the "Fight for Freedom Committee", and Mr. John Vorys, Ohio Congressman.

The speakers favoured a strong policy against Japan, declaring that United States' security is threatened by Japan's southward penetration.

Mr. Vorys opined that Japan will take the Philippines if she can. Urging that the United States should "smack Japan now," Mr. Vorys favoured an outright declaration of war.

Mr. Hamilton Fish declared that Japan has few friends in the United States. He urged more aid to China, emphasising that China's fight has given the United States opportunity to reform and resist aggression.—Central News.

FAR EAST UNDER DISCUSSION?

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He will face severe opposition in the capital, where the Administration's triple Legislative programme to retain draftees, to establish price control and to pass a record Defence Tax Bill has been bogged down in conflict, and there is even the danger of open revolt.—International News Service.

STOP PRESS

The Manila Observatory gave warning this morning of a typhoon in about Lat. 23 N., Long. 136 E. moving north-west. The position is out in the Pacific to the south of Japan.

The Thais would die rather than give up Thailand to any invader or allow any foreigner to interfere with Thailand's internal politics, said the Thai Premier in Bangkok yesterday, according to Bangkok Radio. The Premier is reported to have added that the alleged moves of British troops along the Thai-Malaya border do not affect Thailand.—Reuter.

According to the health bulletin for last week 59 cases of cholera with 26 deaths; 250 of tuberculosis with 161 deaths; 57 of dysentery with 26 deaths; 17 of enteric fever with nine deaths; three of measles with one death and three of diphtheria with one death, were notified to the Health Authorities.

Yesterday, there were notified seven cases of cholera, 43 of tuberculosis, 10 of enteric fever, eight of dysentery, and one of diphtheria.

Following discussions this morning between representatives of the strikers and of their employers, the Yellow Taxicab Company, an extension of three hours of the 24-hour ultimatum to return to work was granted.

The strikers were to resume duty at 3 p.m. to-day.

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